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## **Swedish Mortar Programme – AM-CME delivered on time, budget and quality**

**ÖRNSKÖLDSVIK, Sweden — After inclusion of AM-CME as a strategic partner in the global supply chain, AM-CME has delivered technical components to the OEM BAE Systems Hägglunds and delivered the Mjölner Mortar programme to the Swedish customer on time, budget and quality.**

Czech manufacturer AM-CME was contracted by BAE Systems to deliver critical components in the turret laying system for the company's Swedish vehicle mounted mortar system, Mjölner. When BAE Systems in 2016 was awarded a contract by the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV) for the delivery of 40 such mortar systems, AM-CME was selected to produce and deliver for the weapons programme.

"We are pleased with this contract and to work alongside BAE Systems and are looking forward to further develop our relationship with the company. Our strong history in mechanical production will ensure we work hard to deliver a quality service on time and to cost, per the defense sector's challenging requirements," says Ales Louda, Senior Project Manager at AM-CME.

"The deliveries from AM-CME for the mortar systems in this contract provides a strong foundation for working together to deliver similar systems. This level of collaboration thereby ensures the involvement from local industry in the production and support of one of the more complex and essential subsystems in the vehicle," says Peter Sedin, Procurement and Sourcing Director at BAE Systems Hägglunds.

BAE Systems has long evaluated Czech industry capability for delivering on international programmes. BAE Systems Hägglunds and VOP CZ signed an agreement in 2016 to jointly pursue a new vehicle to replace the Czech Republic's fleet of BMP-2 Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs). The partnership with VOP, AM/CME and other highly skilled Czech industry intends to offer the CV90 IFV – an advanced, combat proven, modern vehicle with 1,300 operating with seven user nations globally, including 4 NATO allies. To successfully deliver the mortar system Mjölner to the Swedish army has been an important step in a great cooperation intended on continuing.

"We are pleased with this impressive easy-to-use mortar system and the delivery from BAE Systems Hägglunds. Together with key partners both in Sweden and internationally, Hägglunds

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has been able to meet key milestones for fielding on time, quality and budget which is important for us, said Mikael Frisell, Brigadier/General Director Land Systems at the FMV (Swedish Defence Material Administration).

"This delivery from AM-CME is further evidence of our full commitment to deliver a world class CV90 offering through close cooperation with Czech Industry, in order to involve the Czech Army's requirement for a BMP-2 IFV replacement as well as include capable companies to our global supply chain", said Peter Sedin.

*The Mjölner Programme for the delivery of the 40 vehicle-mounted mortar systems for the Swedish Army's CV90 started in December 2016. The complete vehicles delivery was completed during 2020 and the vehicles are fielded.*

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