

Thales Update on Australian Hawkei Selection Next Month In London | Future Armoured Vehicles Survivability 2015

Future Armoured Vehicles Survivability 2015 will address recent industry developments to help you optimise armoured vehicle platform for maximum protection.

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, October 21, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Thales Australia's recently secured contract to deliver 1,100 Hawkei 4x4 light protected mobility vehicles to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is being supported by a programme of expansive industrial engagement. The contract was announced by the Australian government on 5 October and is worth AUD1.3 billion (USD910 million). The project fulfils the ADF's requirement outlined in Project LAND 121 Phase 4 to replace the majority of the ADF's unprotected Land Rover fleet. The programme will see the seven-tonne Hawkei assembled and produced at the company's Bendigo facility in Victoria along



with more than 1,000 trailers included in the same contract. The three-and-a-half year production phase is scheduled to begin from mid-2017, with first deliveries expected towards the end of that year as Thales Australia gradually winds down its production of the 15-tonne Bushmaster protected mobility vehicle.

(Source: IHS Jane's, 12 October 2015, 'Thales Australia outlines expansive Hawkei industry engagement project')

Against this backdrop, we are delighted to announce that Thales Australia's Head of Protected Vehicles, Mr Gary Hines, will be providing a case study of the Hawkei armoured vehicle programme at the highly anticipated Future <u>Armoured Vehicles Survivability</u> 2015 conference (23-24 November 2015) on Day Two at 15:45 titled'The Development of Comprehensive Survivability in the Light Armoured Vehicle Sector: A Case Study of the Hawkei':

- The operational requirements driving the need for protected yet highly mobile systems
- Means of meeting the challenges associated with balancing weight and mobility
- How the Hawkei's armour, mobility and situational awareness enhance its survivability

This is just one of 10 specific <u>armoured vehicle programmes</u> being briefed on, giving you the latest key insights into the survivability and blast protection capabilities of the following land systems:

- ABBS: VGAM
- ARTEC: Boxer
- BAE Systems Hägglunds: CV90
- FNSS: PARS 8X8
- General Dynamics Land Systems: Scout SV Ajax
- General Dynamics: MOWAG Piranha

- General Dynamics: Pandur II
- Nexter Systems: VBCI
- Nexter Systems: Scorpion
- Thales Australia: Hawkei

To view the full speaker line-up and conference programme, visit <u>http://www.favsurvivability.com/einpresswire</u>

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