

BAE SYSTEMS SOUTH AFRICA SECURES CONTRACT FOR 111 RG31 MINE PROTECTED VEHICLES



BAE Systems' South African business, Land Systems OMC, has been contracted to manufacture 111 new RG31 Mk5E mine protected vehicles for the US Army.

This new export order forms part of a revised TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) procurement contract with BAE Systems' partner, General Dynamics Land Systems-Canada (GDLS-C).

Under the revised contract modification, GDLS-C will manage the programme, while Land Systems OMC in Benoni, will manufacture the vehicles. Deliveries will take place from August to October this year.

Since February 2005, TACOM LCMC has ordered two quantities RG31 vehicles based on Operational Need Statements (ONS) by the U.S. Army for route clearance vehicles and this is the 3rd ONS requirement supported by TACOM LCMC. Under the previous ONS 1 and ONS 2, 148 RG31 Mk3 and 307 RG31 Mk5 vehicles were ordered respectively. In total, including this latest modification, 566 RG31 vehicles have been ordered to meet the ONS requirement.

The 111 RG31 Mk5Es ordered under this latest requisition are similar to the 600 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles ordered by the U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) last year.

Land Systems OMC is a world-leader in the design and manufacture of mine protected vehicles for military and security forces. Among its products are the increasingly popular RG- series of personnel carriers, including the RG31 Mk5E.