

DENEL MUNITIONS CLOSE LARGE DEAL WITH UK

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Denel Munitions, the consolidated ammunition business of Denel (Pty) > Ltd., last week clinched a R200 million order from the United Kingdom for 40mm target practice grenades.

"Coming at the close of the calendar year, this order is most welcome for our Western Cape facility," says Denel Munitions CEO, Mr Monwabisi Kalawe. "I venture to say it is one of the largest single orders for 40mm target practice grenades our business has received in a long time."

According to Mr Kalawe the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence (MoD) stipulated rather tight delivery schedules for more than half-a-million target practice 'flash bang' grenades. Denel Munitions had to meet the UK requirement within the framework of prior supply commitments for 40mm ammunition.

The non-lethal 'flash bang' grenades are differentiated from other target practice grenades by emitting a loud bang accompanied by a visible flash. This provides a more realistic scenario in the training of grenadiers.

The UK MoD order is to be delivered in monthly consignments until March 2009. According to Mr Kalawe Denel Munitions hope to secure further orders from the UK MoD.

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