

# KNDS PRESS RELEASE

## KNDS commissioned to support the Canadian Leopard 2 Family of Vehicles fleet

**Munich, Ottawa 17 September 2024** – KNDS Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG has been commissioned by Public Services and Procurement Canada on behalf of the Department of National Defence to support the LEOPARD 2 main battle tanks including the Armoured Recovery Vehicle and Armoured Engineering Vehicle variants.

This is a comprehensive contract for the long-term sustainment support of all tanks that Canada has awarded to the industry.

The contract was signed in Ottawa, Canada's capital, and includes program management, maintenance, technical services, supply support, engineering support, and other forms of support as required, including the establishment of a maintenance and repair centre.

KNDS Canada Inc., based in Ottawa, was founded specifically for this project and is responsible for its implementation.

The contract, which begins in September 2024, runs until March 2031 and includes an option for a further five years.

*“As a system house and manufacturer of the LEOPARD 2, we have felt a strong connection with Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces for almost 20 years. For KNDS, the contract for the long-term support of the systems is an honor and we are aware of our responsibility to ensure the operational capability of 74 LEOPARD 2 battle tanks and 29 family vehicles,”* says Markus Schmidt, Senior Vice President Customer Support.

The order volume of the core and additional services amounts to over €600 million.

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KNDS is the result of the association of Krauss-Maffei Wegmann and Nexter, two of the leading European manufacturers of military land systems based in Germany and France.

KNDS forms a Group of around 9,500 employees, with a 2023 turnover of 3.3 billion euro, an order backlog of around 16 billion euro and incoming orders of 7.8 billion euro. The range of its products includes main battle tanks, armored vehicles, artillery systems, weapons systems, ammunition, military bridges, customer services, battle management systems, training solutions, protection solutions and a wide range of equipment.

The formation of KNDS represents the beginning of consolidation in land defense systems industry in Europe. The strategic alliance between KMW and Nexter enhances both groups' competitiveness and international positions, as well as their ability to meet the needs of their respective national army. In addition, KNDS offers to its European and NATO customers the opportunity of increased standardization and interoperability for their defense equipment, with a dependable industrial base.

KNDS headquarters are based in Amsterdam.