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SUPACAT AND NAVISTAR DEFENCE SIGN MoU PROVIDING FUTURE JOINT SUPPORT TO THE U.K. MoD PROTECTED MOBILITY FLEET

Millbrook, England (June 19, 2013)- Supacat and Navistar Defence announced today, during the U.K. Ministry of Defence DVD vehicle show, that the two companies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to form a team to deliver collaborative future support to the U.K. Ministry of Defence's protected mobility fleet.

Partnering together enables the two support service suppliers to integrate their existing Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) based support structures to enhance combined capabilities on offers as vehicles are brought back from Afghanistan into the Army 2020 core fleet. This alliance allows the two OEMs to start preparing for a "Strategic Support Supplier," (SSS) type support arrangement to enable the U.K. MoD to adopt industry-led solutions for managing fleet support and achieving efficiencies.

"We see this proactive step as a means to deliver cross platform efficiencies required by the MoD, while providing flexibility by putting the vehicle OEMs in the driver's seat," said Nick Ames, managing director, Supacat. "In addition, the alliance offers the U.K. MoD an early opportunity to further inform the Strategic Support Supplier concept."

Supacat and Navistar will take advantage of the geographical spread of their combined facilities to evolve the integrated joint support solution— delivering efficiencies to the U.K. MoD across both companies' vehicle platforms.

"We feel this MOU will lead to strong foundations for a relationship enabling us to offer strong, flexible and comprehensive service to the MoD," said Robert Ward, regional manager, Navistar. "We look forward to working with the MoD and preparing for SSS arrangements to meet their needs."

The U.K. MoD recently confirmed Supacat's Jackal and Coyote platforms and

Navistar's MXT™ "Husky" will be brought into the core fleet to form part of the British Armed Force's equipment plan for the next 10-15 years. Under the MoU, Supacat and Navistar would have the capability to cover nearly 1,000 total vehicles in service delivered under numerous UORs to the U.K. MoD through the U.K. Defence Equipment and Support's (DE&S) Protected Mobility Team (PMT).

The UK MoD has purchased over 600 Jackal and Coyote vehicles based upon Supacat's HMT vehicle, and 300 Husky vehicles based on Navistar's MXT platform. The Coyote and Husky variants were procured as part of the Tactical Support Vehicle (TSV) programme with Coyote fulfilling the light role (TSV(L)) and Husky, the medium (TSV(M)).

Supacat currently supports over 800 vehicles, more than 100 of which are internationally operated. It has a full Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) capability including design, integration, technical publications and trials conducted at an in-house test track. The company also has a strong engineering team of more than 30 members, as well as workshops and staff equipped for repair and overhaul.

Navistar Defense operates in the U.K., U.S. and Afghanistan to support the MoD's Husky fleet. As a subsidiary of one of the world's largest truck manufacturers, Navistar's U.K. team is supported by extensive engineering, ILS and commercial resources. Navistar U.K. is based at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire, where it has full access to the resources and facilities available including the 280 hectares of test tracks.

About Supacat

Supacat is an innovative engineering company specialising in high mobility vehicles. Since its foundation 30 years ago, it has grown into a product developer with a broadening international customer base across the defence, renewables, marine and oil and gas sectors.

It has a complete engineering capability spanning design, prototyping, testing and trialling, certification and low rate production. Services include system integration and fleet support, from post design services, repairs, spares, to deployed support on operations (CONDO) and Contractor Logistics Support.

Supacat Ltd is headquartered at Dunkeswell, Devon, UK. In 2011 it established Supacat Pty Ltd in Australia, which in 2012 acquired engineering design services provider, Unique Solutions Partners (USP).
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The Supacat HMT vehicle is designed by Supacat and manufactured under licence from Lockheed Martin.

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