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John Cockerill selected for the European FAMOUS 2, MARSEUS and INDY programmes

On 20 July, DG Defis, the European Commission's directorate responsible for implementing European Defence Fund programmes, announced the results of the selection of projects funded under the Work Programme 2021. John Cockerill will participate in the FAMOUS 2, MARSEUS and INDY programmes.

The FAMOUS2 project aims to develop innovative technological elements for the next generation of armoured platforms and to modernise existing platforms, including all-terrain vehicles, light armoured vehicles and tanks.

FAMOUS2 builds on the ongoing FAMOUS project, launched in 2020 under the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP). It follows on from the vehicle and system concept development activities carried out under this seminal project.

In this project, John Cockerill Defense takes a major role in the consortium coordinated by the Finnish partner Patria. John Cockerill Defense will coordinate all activities related to the development of medium calibre weapon systems to provide firepower for future tracked all-terrain vehicles and light wheeled armoured vehicles.

The weapon system development will be done in partnership with Patria, Nexter, Kongsberg, ISD and Escribano. John Cockerill Defense will also contribute to the development of protection, camouflage and environmental understanding solutions that will enable the implementation of recently developed innovations.

The MARSEUS (Modular Architecture Solutions for EU States) programme is the second part of the LynkEUS project, which is coming to an end, and aims to study the firing beyond line of sight of a 5th generation medium-range anti-tank missile, embarked on a vehicle in coordination with an observation drone.

MARSEUS, under the coordination of the French company MBDA, will develop the collaborative capability for this "beyond line of sight" firing capability over a 3-year period. John Cockerill Defense's role will be to integrate these new functionalities into our latest generation compact turrets, the Cockerill® CPWS and 1030.

Finally, John Cockerill will also participate in the INDY programme, which aims to develop solutions for the energy independence of military camps deployed in operations, such as hydrogen and micro-grid management.

Thierry Renaudin, President John Cockerill Defense : « *We are happy and proud to be part of these large-scale European projects, which should lead to a strengthening of the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation capacity of the defence industry throughout the Union, and thus contribute to the Union's strategic autonomy.*

This is a great recognition for our teams and their expertise, especially in the field of innovation and engineering ».

About John Cockerill Defense:

Member of the bicentennial John Cockerill Group, John Cockerill Defense is the technological leader in multifunctional, high-effect turrets in the 25-120mm range for light and medium weight armoured vehicles. John Cockerill Defense develops and integrates complete and innovative solutions: design, production, integration and upgrade of weapons systems, operational and tactical training, Agueris[®] simulation systems (virtual immersive, mobile, embedded and inter-connectable), through-life support and innovative functionalities. Marketed under the Cockerill[®] brand, John Cockerill Defense weapons systems combine superior firepower and lightweight for high mobility armored vehicles, guaranteeing performance and protection. www.johncockerill.com/defense

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