



Rosoboronexport signs first contract to supply BK-10 assault boats to Sub-Saharan Africa

Rosoboronexport JSC (part of the Rostec State Corporation) has begun to carry out its first export contract recently signed with a foreign customer from Sub-Saharan Africa for the supply of Project 02450 fast assault boats BK-10 designed and manufactured by Kalashnikov Concern, a Rostec's member.

"The contract signed by Rosoboronexport was the first document for the supply of Russian-made final naval products to Sub-Saharan Africa in the last 20 years. This is an undoubted success in fostering military-technical cooperation with the countries of the region that is strategically important for Russia. We have been working long and purposefully to develop relations with them and expand our African footprint, which now covers almost the entire continent. The Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum, held in Sochi in October 2019, gave a strong impetus to the growth of our cooperation and its transition to a new quality level," said Alexander Mikheev, Director General of Rosoboronexport.

The Project 02450 fast assault boat BK-10 is intended for transporting personnel, landing troops on unimproved shores, providing fire support to forces ashore, fighting piracy and terrorism, rendering assistance to those in distress. It features high speed performance and long operational range.

Powered by two high performance outboard gasoline engines, the BK-10 can reach speeds of up to 40 knots. With its large-capacity fuel tanks, the boat has a cruising range of up to 400 miles without refueling. It can carry up to 10 troopers and is equipped with a metal bow platform or ramp to facilitate landing on an unimproved shore. The boat provides comfortable accommodations for the troopers and the crew: it is fitted with high-performance shock-absorbing saddle-shaped seats which can be easily and quickly dismantled if required.

The BK-10 has an armored wheelhouse and a bullet-resistant windshield. Armored plates can be installed around the perimeter of the troop compartment to protect the soldiers. Strong engine protection bars are installed.

In addition, the boat has high firepower – up to four 7.62 - 12.7 mm machine guns, which significantly expands its mission area in its class.

The BK-10 may be carried by all means of transport (road, rail, air, river and sea) and used as a waterborne platform.

"The BK-10 surpasses all its closest competitors on the world market in terms of range, troop capacity and firepower. In turn, the relative simplicity of the construction technology enables Rosoboronexport to offer its partners the boat both as a final product and for licensed construction at the customer's national shipyards," Alexander Mikheev added.



[Rosoboronexport](#) is the only state-owned arms trade company in the Russian Federation authorized to export the full range of military and dual-purpose products, technologies and services. It is a subsidiary of the Rostec Corporation. Founded on 4 November, 2000, now Rosoboronexport is one of the leading world arms exporters to the international market. Its share in Russia's military exports exceeds 85 percent. Rosoboronexport cooperates with more than 700 enterprises and organizations in the Russian defence industrial complex. Russia maintains military technical cooperation with more than 100 countries around the world.

[State Corporation Rostec](#) is one of the largest industrial groups in Russia. It comprises over 800 scientific and production entities in 60 regions of the country. Rostec's key business areas include transport machine building, electronics, medical technologies, chemistry and innovative materials. Rostec's holding companies form three clusters: the Radioelectronics cluster, the Weapons cluster and the Aviation cluster. Rostec's portfolio includes famous brands such as AVTOVAZ, KAMAZ, Concern Kalashnikov, "Russian Helicopters", Uralvagonzavod, etc. Rostec takes an active part in implementation of all 12 National Projects. The company is a key supplier of Smart City technologies, carries out digitization of the government, industry, social sector, and prepares plans for developing 5G wireless technologies, the industrial Internet of Things, big data and blockchain systems. Rostec is a partner of the world's leading manufacturers such as Boeing, Airbus, Daimler, Pirelli, Renault, etc. The corporation supplies its products to more than 100 countries. Export of high-tech products provides for almost a third of the company's revenue.

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