



Rosoboronexport signs contracts to supply Russian small arms and close combat weapons abroad at Army 2019

During the Army 2019 International Military and Technical Forum being held in Kubinka near Moscow, JSC Rosoboronexport (part of the Rostec State Corporation) has signed a number of contracts with foreign customers for the supply of Russian small arms and close combat weapons.

“The Russian industry produces the entire range of close combat weapons, which have proved indispensable in real combat situations, earning excellent reputation and respect around the world. The new contracts not only demonstrate consistently high demand for small arms and grenade launchers and their ammunition being developed by Russian arms makers, but also indicate a global trend towards a growing demand for effective means to counter terrorism and crime. Rosoboronexport is ready to meet this demand fully,” said Alexander Mikheev, Director General of Rosoboronexport.

In addition, Rosoboronexport has been conducting active marketing efforts to export Russian-made civilian and service weapons: dozens of commercial proposals related to the ORSIS T-5000 rifles, Saiga-9, Saiga-12 carbines, many other designs and their ammunition are under consideration by potential foreign buyers. There is also interest among foreign customers in the Vepr carbines and civilian versions of the Tigr sniper rifles. It’s because of the high demand that a new section on Russian-made civilian and service weapons has started to be set up by Rosoboronexport on its website (www.roe.ru).

“Rosoboronexport already has concrete results of its efforts to promote civilian and service weapons: in 2018, we signed the first export contract for the supply of Russian hunting sniper rifles and ammunition. Today we have new serious customers from the countries of the Asia-Pacific region and the Arab East, there are requisitions from them. Moreover, Rosoboronexport is ready not only to supply finished products to the world market, but also to assist foreign partners in the joint development and production of Russian weapons. For example, in March 2019, a joint venture to produce Kalashnikov assault rifles of the latest AK-200 series was launched in India,” the head of Rosoboronexport said.

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 700 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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