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Protected Transport Systems [PTS] makes Progress with Protector 2

Derek Andrews, Executive Chairman of the Australian start up company Protected Transport Systems Pty Ltd said that he was hopeful that the strategy of combining strong partners' technological and manufacturing skills would enable PTS to break into defense manufacturing in Australia. "While we are also pursuing export opportunities, it would be even better if we were to supply the vehicles we have designed to the Australian Defense Force.

We have brought together the right skills and competencies to deliver our strategy. We intend to offer our customers the best vehicle, the best product acquisition and the best whole of life support system.

To simplify and expedite development we searched the world for the best starting point and found the Protector 1 in the US. Koos de Wet applied the skills he developed in the design of armoured vehicles [including the Bushmaster and the protected truck cabs now used by ADF] to develop a new hull and to ensure that the emerging Protector 2 would comply with Australian requirements".

While the design work progressed, the original Protector 1 vehicles continued in test [over 40,000 Klm in November 2009] to prove the suspension and drive line. Australian manufacturing capabilities were also assessed which allowed PTS to submit its response to the ADF's call for proposals.

PTS is now waiting for the decision of the ADF. In the interim the new hulls are ready for blast testing, the driveline continues in test and appropriate manufacturing plans are in place. The US plant is ready to start building the Protector 2 prototypes in January.

"I am pleased with the results we have achieved so far"; said Mr Andrews. "We have found a quick and cost effective way to develop the vehicle, to complete prototypes, and develop a new Australian defence manufacturing capacity."

Further material including images and earlier press releases are available on www.protectedtransport.com.au .

Additional information is available

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