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Switzerland is the first market:

Breakthrough for Scania's new V8 in military version

Scania has signed an agreement to supply engines for the Swiss army's new tracked vehicles. This makes Switzerland the first country in the world to buy the military version of Scania's new 16-litre V8 engine. Under the terms of the SEK 4,000 million kronor order between Sweden's Hägglunds Vehicle and the Swiss armed forces, Scania will supply 186 engines, with the first delivery scheduled in just over a year's time.

"For us, this agreement is the culmination of several years of close cooperation between Scania and Hägglunds," says Lennart Hjelte, Head of Scania Industrial and Marine Engines. Scania has previously been the main supplier of engines for the Swedish army's CV 9030 combat vehicle – the same type of vehicle for which the new engines are intended – but that was with Scania's previous generation of V8 engines.

The new engine had its premiere showing as recently as June this year at Eurosatory 2000, the international defence materiel show held in Paris:

"Scania's powerful and compact V8 engines have been modified and tailored to the toughest of operating conditions in the Swedish army's tracked combat vehicle. The extremely low dry-sump design is just one example of the ways in which Scania's engineers have met a wide range of specific customer requirements," explains Lennart Hjelte.

The first series of 186 vehicles, which may be followed by further orders later on, will see initial deliveries in 2002. In addition to this major order from Switzerland, Hägglunds is also involved in discussions with Finland. The Norwegian army has also previously bought Scania-powered combat vehicles.

Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 25,800 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 1999, turnover totalled SEK 47,100 million and the result after net interest income/expense was SEK 4,500 million. Scania products are marketed in about 100 countries worldwide and some 95 percent of Scania's vehicles are sold outside Sweden.

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