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Dutch defence order:

Scania wins contract to supply test trucks

Scania, together with Mercedes, has been chosen to supply an initial series of test trucks to the Netherlands Defence Forces. The final order may total 1,500 all wheel-drive vehicles.

The Netherlands Defence Forces invited tenders for the contract in 1999. The Dutch army, navy and air force require at least 750 and a maximum of 1,500 8x8 hooklift vehicles, or four-axle trucks with all wheel-drive.

Following tender evaluation, Scania has been invited to sign a contract for the supply of two test trucks, with an option on further orders. The test trucks are scheduled for delivery in December 2001 and will undergo testing for about a year. Orders for production vehicles under the contract option are expected to be placed with 24 months of the conclusion of the test programme.

The main supply will include the delivery of least 375 sets of Scania designed mine shield and ballistic protection equipment. Scania has already signed a contract to supply 66 mine-shielded 8x8 terrain vehicles with the same protection equipment to FMV (the Swedish Defence Matériel Administration).

Scania's internationally acclaimed mine and ballistic-protected truck cab concept was unveiled for the first time in autumn 1999, when full-scale tests using live anti-tank mines were carried out in the public gaze and in the presence of foreign guests. The concept is the product of collaboration between FMV and Scania.

If Scania wins the contract, series production of the trucks will be carried out at Scania's plant at Zwolle in the Netherlands.

Scania's new 8x8 chassis was premiered at EuroSatory 2000, the European defence matériel show, in Paris last year.

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Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 26,900 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 2000, turnover totalled SEK 53,8 million and the result after net interest income/expense was SEK 4,5 million. Scania products are marketed in about 100 countries worldwide and some 96 percent of Scania's vehicles are sold outside Sweden.

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