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## **Rheinmetall expands its global naval presence – RASP seeks leading role in ship-mounted weapon platforms**

Rheinmetall Defence's takeover of the stabilised weapon platform activities of Britain's EM Digital reinforces the Düsseldorf-based Group's portfolio of advanced naval systems and equipment, making it a significant strategic acquisition.

The new subsidiary, Rheinmetall Advanced Stabilised Platforms (RASP) of London, possesses cutting-edge expertise and an extensive range of stabilisation technology products. Rheinmetall holds a 51% stake in the company, the remainder of which is owned by Seawood Ltd.

The move reflects Rheinmetall's quest for global leadership in innovative high-tech solutions for naval weapon stations.

RASP's prime focus is the development and production of naval weapon stations and platforms. Rheinmetall is already well established in this field, thanks especially to its MLG 27 light naval gun and the shipboard version of the Millennium automatic cannon. The Group can now supply the world's navies with an even wider array of made-to-measure components and complete weapon systems.

Rheinmetall Advanced Stabilised Platforms offers an extensive range of stabilised modular platforms for small-calibre (5.56mm to 14.5mm as well as 40mm automatic grenade launchers) and medium-calibre weapons (20mm - 40mm) for naval applications. Moreover, the open system architecture greatly facilitates integration of weapons and electro-optical sensors.

In addition, RASP develops and manufactures a wide variety of electronic components and subsystems such as fibre-optic gyroscopes, which play a vital role in modern maritime operations.

### **About Rheinmetall Defence**

Rheinmetall is one of the best-known names in the international defence and security industry. Rheinmetall Defence's 10,000-strong staff generated sales in 2011 of approximately €2.1 billion.

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