

## Press Release

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*The Office of the Hungarian Government Commissioner Responsible for Defence, Defence Industries and the Coordination of Defence Modernisation announces that HDT Védelmi Ipari Kft. Company has acquired 100% of the Austrian Hirtenberger Defence Group owned by the Hirtenberger Holding GmbH, Hirtenberg, Austria.*

The acquisition of Hirtenberger Defence is a vital cornerstone of the Hungarian Government strategy to grow and develop the Hungarian Defence Industry Sector.

*HDT Védelmi Ipari Kft. Company will maintain and grow the current Hirtenberger Defence Group as it is and takes full responsibility for all commercial operations and commitments to employees, customers, partners and suppliers. Hirtenberger Defence will continue to operate from all its locations and carry the internationally well known brand.*

„Hirtenberger Defence is globally known for its technology and performance of products. We are convinced this is driven by the outstanding people at Hirtenberger. For us, it is key to maintain and further grow Hirtenberger business, technology and its outstanding customer relations. We will maintain our operations in Hirtenberg.“ says Gáspár Maróth, Government Commissioner Responsible for Defence, Defence Industries and the Coordination of Defence Modernisation. “Our location in Middle Wallop will also play a major part of future growth of the Hirtenberger Defence Group” he added.

The Hirtenberger Management is strongly committed and will stay on board to further drive the success of the company.

From October 29th on Hirtenberger Defence Group is operating under the new ownership.

„I am very happy to have HDT Védelmi Ipari Kft as an investor, it will allow us to further grow our business, drive our key research and development programs and gain opportunities in the growing Defence Industry globally. I think we'll have a lot of opportunities for our customers and partners for the future“ says Carsten Barth, CEO Hirtenberger Defence.

### ***Hirtenberger Defence Systems***

Established in 1860, Hirtenberger Defence Systems (HDS) has a long and distinguished history of supplying the world's leading defence forces with state-of-the-art ammunition and explosives. Leveraging cutting-edge technology and years of experience in the field, HDS has been manufacturing 60, 81 and 120mm calibre smooth-bore mortar systems for more than 50 years. HDS's mortar bombs are of the highest combat effectiveness and provide maximum safety in hostile environments all over the world – without diminished levels of performance or durability. The product range includes all types of mortar ammunition, weapon systems, auxiliary field equipment, and aiming and sighting systems – tried, tested and in service by modern militaries the world over.

### ***HDT***

HDT Védelmi Ipari Kft is a 100% owned by the Hungarian Government.

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