

RAK MORTARS RECEIVED BY THE 15TH "GIŻYCKA" MECHANIZED BRIGADE

"The Polish military must be equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment. RAK self-propelled mortars serve as a good example here, along with the command vehicles, that I had a privilege to hand off, a moment ago. This is a Polish product, it is a product of top quality" - said Mariusz Błaszczak, handing off the Rak self propelled mortars that became a part of the inventory of the 15th "Giżycka" Mechanized Brigade.

It was on Monday, 8th July, when the head of the Polish MoD handed off the Rak fire module to be used by the 15th "Giżycka" Mechanized Brigade. The company-level fire module in question includes 8 M120 Rak self-propelled mortars and 4 AWD artillery command vehicles.

The above means that HSW S.A. is finalizing another phase of the agreement signed on 28th April 2016, concerning the deliveries of the equipment for eight Rak company-level fire modules.

By delivering more company-level fire modules on time we are accomplishing the next stage of the contract signed with the MoD back in 2016. Thus we are reinforcing our reputation as a diligent supplier and manufacturer of artillery assets for the Polish military, while the know-how established over the course of work on programmes as complicated as RAK and REGINA allow us to efficiently work on the future orders placed within the scope of the modernization programme concerning the Polish Armed Forces.

Bartłomiej Zajac, President of the Management Board, General Director Generalny at HSW S.A.

The first elements of the company-level fire module (KMO) including the 120 mm Rak self-propelled wheeled mortar have been handed off by HSW S.A. on 30th June 2017, for use by the 17th "Wielkopolska" Mechanized Division. The delivery inaugurated the delivery cycle concerning the new artillery assets acquired by the Polish military. The second company-level fire module was delivered to the 12th Mechanized Brigade based in Szczecin, the third one was received by the 15th Mechanized Brigade, while the 4th module was received by the Polish 21st Highland Brigade. The 5th module is used by the 5th Highland Battalion based in Przemyśl.

120 mm Rak self-propelled mortar on a Rosomak APC platform has been developed at HSW S.A. It has been fitted with an auto-loader and is capable of laying down fire at distances from 8 to 12

kilometres. The mortars are being delivered in the period between 2017 and 2019 on the grounds of the agreement signed back in 2016, with a pricetag of PLN 968 million. The mortar is manned by a crew of 4. One should mention the fact that a tracked variant of the Rak mortar is also offered by HSW. HSW is also working on delivering the support vehicles for the Rak elements - Artillery Armament Repair Vehicles (deliveries in progress already), Artillery Ammunition Carriers (last stage of negotiation with the MoD) and Artillery Reconnaissance Vehicles (R&D project in progress).