

MEADS International Signs Cooperation Pact For Wisla Program With PGZ

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KIELCE, Poland, Sept. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- With a shared vision for the Wisla medium-range air defense program, MEADS International (MI) and Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa (PGZ) have signed a Letter of Intent to explore cooperation and mutually beneficial business opportunities related to the program.

This agreement includes the opportunity for PGZ to take a partnership role with MI alongside Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] and MBDA. Benefits would ensure PGZ's long-term participation in future expansion and sales of the [Medium Extended Air Defense System \(MEADS\)](#). Through this agreement, significantly greater than 50 percent workshare, in terms of the Wisla contract value, will be performed by Polish Industry and Institutes.

"We are honored and pleased to join with Poland's leading defense company to offer the proven MEADS air and missile defense system in Poland," said MEADS Vice President Tom Oles. "We are impressed with the commitment, skills, innovation and industrial capabilities of PGZ and its workforce, and we are proud to have the opportunity to work together. Our agreement is based on partnership and not just parts."

Key aspects of the MEADS offer include:

- System engineering and integration
- Radar technology
- PAC-3 missile co-production
- Production of transceiver semiconductor module assemblies and microwave monolithic integrated circuits using GaN technology
- Production and testing of an active radar homing seeker for short-range missiles
- Production of a medium-range low-cost interceptor for the Wisla system and future use in the MEADS system.

Proven in three successful flight tests, MEADS is the culmination of a cooperative partnership of Germany, Italy and the United States to design, develop and build the most advanced and capable air and missile defense weapon system in the world. Before production specifications are finalized, Poland has the opportunity to tailor elements of the system to national needs through the Wisla program. This work will be largely done by Polish industry.

MEADS International, a multinational joint venture headquartered in Orlando, Florida, is the prime contractor for the MEADS system. Major subcontractors and joint venture partners are MBDA in Italy and Germany, and Lockheed Martin in the United States.

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