

Javelin Joint Venture Signs Agreement For Industrial Production Cooperation In Poland

KIELCE, Poland (Sept. 06, 2023) – Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa (PGZ) and the Javelin Joint Venture (JJV), a partnership between Raytheon and Lockheed Martin, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding production of the Javelin anti-tank weapon system in Poland.

“Poland views the Javelin Joint Venture as a key strategic partner, and this agreement further strengthens our relationship with Raytheon and Lockheed Martin,” said Sebastian Chwalek, president of the PGZ management board. “The strategic joint discussions and decisions leading to this agreement demonstrate the potential for fruitful long-term cooperation.”

Intended to support increasing current and future inventory demand due to regional security concerns in Europe, PGZ and the JJV have signed the MOU to explore the establishment of a final assembly facility and component production capabilities in Poland. This agreement will stabilize future production of the Javelin system for U.S. forces while providing unique opportunities for Polish industry.

“Together with PGZ, we are exploring a number of opportunities to leverage the resident skills and expertise of Polish industry for Javelin co-production,” said Andy Amaro, president of the Javelin Joint Venture and Raytheon’s Javelin program director. “With growing demand for Javelin, these new industry partners can play a vital role in supporting the production and delivery of this combat-proven, fire-and-forget weapon system to the global Javelin community.”

In June of 2021, Poland’s Territorial Defence Forces (TDF) completed Javelin Operator Training and were certified to maintain and operate Javelin, as well as conduct their own operator training. After completion, the TDF’s newly trained Javelin operators fired Javelin missiles during a live-fire demonstration in Torun, Poland.

“This partnership will strengthen our relationship with Poland and ensure they have the deterrence capabilities needed to support their national security,” said Dave Pantano, Javelin Joint Venture vice president and Lockheed Martin Javelin program director. “The MOU allows us to develop a strategic long-term international partnership with PGZ and create a win-win scenario for both Poland and the U.S. to supply our customers with Javelin’s proven capabilities.”

Javelin is developed and produced by the JJV between Raytheon in Tucson, Arizona and Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Florida. To date, the JJV has produced more than 50,000 Javelin missiles and more than 12,000 reusable Command Launch Units. Javelin is currently in service with 23 countries. Poland was the first international country to receive the Javelin F-Model missile variant.

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