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Eurosatory – Paris, France. General Dynamics European Land Systems – MOWAG unveiled their newest member of the Piranha family of wheeled armoured vehicles - the Piranha Class 5. This vehicle has been undergoing secret company trials since late last year. When comparing the Piranha Class 5 to earlier vehicles, it represents a step change in protection, payload and volume and is designed for use across the whole war-fighting spectrum.

The hull is a steel base structure married with an **Armatec Survivability** system, integrated in an innovative holistic approach. This allows for a new weight and performance class in the industry. **Armatec** designed and manufactured appliqué composite armour, spall systems, mine protection, blast attenuated seats, and special internal flooring topped with an IED package in a synergetic solution. The team approach with General Dynamics European Land Systems created a protection package of modular design so that it can be tailored to meet changing threats.

Karl Pfister, President and CEO of **Armatec Survivability** commented “we are proud to be part of the Piranha Class 5 team, and enjoy a great working relationship with GDELS. It is encouraging to learn that the Piranha Class 5 vehicle will be offered as a candidate for the CCV Program in Canada.”

The example shown at Eurosatory was the infantry vehicle (IFV) role and in addition to its crew of two, carries nine dismounts. The protection solution provided exceeds all existing solutions and is tailored to all current and emerging IED and mine threats. The Piranha Class 5 is prepared with a growth path to meet future requirements even of the most exacting customers. It is fitted with Kongsberg Medium Calibre Remote Weapon Station (MC RWS) armed with an ATK 30mm cannon and 7.62mm co-axial machine gun (MG).

Design of the Piranha Class 5 is such that it can be fitted with a wide range of weapon stations up to a three-person turret armed with a 120mm smooth bore gun. The vehicle introduced is fitted with the SAAB LEADS-150 hard kill active defence system.

The power pack consists of an MTU 580hp diesel coupled to a ZF automatic transmission. It also features a height management system, central tyre inflation and steering on the fourth axle. It has a gross vehicle weight of up to 30 tonnes for higher levels of protection and future growth potential. Piranha Class 5 has an electronic architecture to make it easier to upgrade.

The Piranha Class 5 will be marketed along-side earlier vehicles, which are now referred to as Class 4 (25-27 tonnes) and Class 3 (22 tonnes). The installed fleet of all Piranha vehicles is now in excess of 10,000 units.

Armatec Survivability Corp is an industry leader in providing survivability enhancements for wheeled and tracked armoured vehicles. **Armatec's** unique engineering approach incorporates its products into vehicles to provide a holistic survivability solution without compromising

mission effectiveness or sustainability. The company's products are in service with the Australian Army, Canadian Armed Forces, U.S. Marine Corps and other NATO nations.

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