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## **GDELS presents the PIRANHA III and EAGLE IV at DEFENDORY 2008**

**VIENNA** – General Dynamics European Land Systems (GDELS) will display during the DEFENDORY trade show in Athens (7<sup>th</sup>-11th October 2008) two vehicle systems - PIRANHA III and EAGLE IV – and present information about some other products – the Infantry Fighting Vehicle ASCOD 2 and the last version of the 155/52 SIAC Howitzer.

The **GDELS** booth is located at **No. 641-654** in the Hellenikon Exhibition Center (former Athens Airport).

### **EAGLE IV**

The **EAGLE IV** version exhibited can be used for a variety of missions, such as patrol, reconnaissance, liaison and communications, etc. Its high ballistic and mine protection level and the high payload available versus the low GVW, distinguish the vehicle from its competitors. Based on the proven DURO chassis, the EAGLE IV shares a high degree of commonality with the DURO vehicles so that the maintenance and training cost can be kept low in a combined fleet of vehicles.

### **PIRANHA III**

The **PIRANHA III** version exhibited is equipped with the 30 mm HITFIST weapon station of Oto Melara as an Infantry Fighting Vehicle. The vehicle offers exceptional protection against the various threats of today. In the amphibious configuration, not only it crosses inland water obstacles, but can also be used for seawater operations. The PIRANHA vehicle is battle proven and in service with many Armed Forces in North and South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Australia/New Zealand.

Also, **GDELS** will display information about other products like:

- The **ASCOD 2**. Its original benefits have been improved, incorporating Battle Field Management, Vetrionics, improved protection and the tactical communications system - C4I Bowman. This vehicle is a possible candidate for FRES SV.
- The **155/52 Howitzer SIAC** is one of the world's most technologically advanced systems, capable of delivering ordnance on target from the first round fired. Is qualitatively superior to overcome enemy's numerical superiority, allows effective firing support in mountains and coastal areas due to its long firing range, and is able to adapt to changing field and coastal battery requirements.

General Dynamics European Land Systems, headquartered in Vienna (Austria) is a business unit of General Dynamics Corporation, and conducts its activities through four European operating units located in Spain, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. With more than 3,250 highly skilled technical employees, GDELS companies design, manufacture and deliver Land Combat Systems to global customers, including wheeled, tracked and amphibious vehicles, armaments and munitions.

General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, employs approximately 82,900 people worldwide and anticipates 2007 revenues of more than \$27 billion. More information about the company is available online at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com).