

SPANISH ARMORED VEHICLES DEPLOYED IN LATVIA OPERATE WITH THE MOST ADVANCED COMBAT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON THE MARKET, DEVELOPED BY INDRA AND THALES

- **About thirty Spanish Army's eight armoured vehicles deployed in Latvia are equipped with the BMS-Lince Command and Control system**
- **The system helps battlefield commanders to plan and conduct missions by enabling units to share information in real time and coordinate with their NATO allies**
- **The Spanish Army fields a total of 235 Leopard tanks, 14 Pizarro light armoured vehicles and a hundred other vehicles fitted with the system. Thales and Indra are now working to equip the system in the rest of the Army's vehicles**

Madrid, 14 September 2017 – Deployment of Leopard combat tanks and Pizarro light armoured vehicles by the Spanish Army in Latvia that took place in June marks an important milestone for the BMS-Lince combat management system developed by Indra and Thales: its baptism of fire on a real international military mission.

The Leopard combat tanks and Pizarro light armoured vehicles transferred to this country carry this technology. In order to show the advantages of the new system, the Infantería Acorazada Guadarrama XII Brigade (BRIAC XII) based in Colmenar Viejo (Madrid) has today carried out a dynamic demonstration of the BMS system.

BMS-Lince is the most advanced command and control system currently in operations. The Spanish Army's six Leopard combat tanks and 14 Pizarro light armoured vehicles deployed in Latvia are equipped with the BMS-Lince Command and Control system. The aim of the system is to help commanders to plan and conduct missions on the ground, by enabling vehicles to share information in real time. This in turn provides the individual vehicle operators with a comprehensive vision of their surroundings and the ability to coordinate and react to any situation.

The BMS-Lince system also enhances the interoperability of armoured vehicles with systems used by other NATO forces. This is a key factor in multinational operations like the present mission.

The usability of the system was taken into account in the design phase in order to ensure personnel can operate it whilst vehicle is in motion. The touch control display terminals allow operators to quickly and efficiently navigate and interpret data to make selections directly on the interface, thus greatly enhancing their ability to make operational decisions in combat situations.

The armoured vehicles deployed in Latvia are equipped with version one of the BMS-Lince system. The system is currently installed in the 235 Leopard combat tanks available to the Spanish Army, 14 Pizarro light armoured vehicles and a hundred other vehicles of various types. Furthermore Indra and Thales have recently signed a new contract with the Spanish Army to adapt the BMS-Lince combat management system and implement it in all the Army's vehicles. This version will be known as BMS-ET.

Obtaining and deploying the BMS-LINCE system, as well as the future development for its adaptation to all other means of the Army, has been carried out under the direction of the ET's Logistic Support Command in close coordination with the Units that use it, as has happened in the case of BRIAC XII.

The two companies are already working on this new version which includes improvements such as integration of a new video service that will enhance intelligence gathering capabilities, increase the capacity to interoperate with other NATO forces and enable integration of new tactical applications.

When this project is fully installed all Spanish Army vehicles will have the most advanced information sharing technology thus enhancing the Army's capability to coordinate with allies on all the international missions in which Spain takes part.

About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Aerospace, Transport, Defence and Security markets. With 64,000 employees in 56 countries, Thales reported sales of €14.9 billion in 2016. With over 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design and deploy equipment, systems and services to meet the most complex security requirements. Its exceptional international footprint allows it to work closely with its customers all over the world.

About Indra

Indra is one of the main global consulting and technology companies, the top IT firm in Spain, and the technology partner for the core operations of its clients businesses worldwide. It offers a comprehensive range of proprietary solutions and cutting-edge services with a high added value in technology, which adds to a unique culture that is reliable, flexible and adaptable to its clients' needs. Indra is a world leader in the development of end-to-end technology solutions in fields such as Defense & Security, Transport & Traffic, Energy & Industry, Telecommunications & Media, Financial Services, Electoral Processes, and Public Administrations & Healthcare. Through its Minsait unit, it addresses the challenges of digital transformation. In 2016 Indra posted revenues of €2,709m and had a workforce of 34,000 professionals, a local presence in 46 countries, and sales operations in more than 140 countries. Following its acquisition of Tecnom, Indra's combined revenues amounted to more than €3,200m in 2016 with a team of nearly 40,000 professionals.

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