

PRESS STATEMENT**For Immediate Release****19 April 2010****DEFTECH DRIVING THE NATION'S DEFENCE INDUSTRY AT DSA 2010**

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 April 2010 (Monday) - DRB-HICOM Defence Technologies Sdn Bhd (DEFTECH), a wholly owned subsidiary of DRB-HICOM Berhad, will once again be the largest participant at the Defence Services Asia 2010 (DSA 2010) Exhibition, held from 19 – 22 April 2010 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), exhibiting various military vehicles with its sub-systems, specialised and customised commercial vehicles as well as equipment and related services.

DEFTECH with its well known corporate tagline ***“Driving The Nation’s Defence Industry”***, both locally and internationally, has taken up a space of 1,700 square meters, the largest raw space for this International Defence-based exhibition occupying half of Hall No 2 at PWTC together with its 100% owned subsidiary, Defence Services Sdn Bhd (DSSB).

DEFTECH’s humble beginning in the defence automotive business started with the supply of its own HANDALAN I & II 4x4 Truck GS cargo to the Malaysian Army in 1996. Since then DEFTECH has steadily progressed from the assembly of the ADNAN ACV 300 Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) and its variants in 2003 to the local manufacture of its own DEFTECH AV-4 (a multi-role / platform 4x4 armoured wheeled vehicle) in 2005. From here, DEFTECH has proven its capability and commitment to lift itself to the next level in armoured vehicle technology by mooted the 8x8 Armoured Wheeled Vehicle (8x8 AWW) programme with the support and co-operation of the Ministry of Defence, Malaysian Army and the Malaysian Defence Industry Council. This is in synergy with the overall national objective of the Malaysia’s national industrialisation programme.

For the DSA 2010 show, the main showcase and theme in DEFTECH’s pavilion is the **state-of-the-art “MALAYSIA’s 1st Indigenous 8x8 Armoured Wheeled Vehicle – DEFTECH AV-8”**, consisting of 12 variants for the use of the Malaysian Army. The entire process of the 8x8 AWW programme involves the local design, development, testing, qualification, manufacture, supply and provision of technical support and maintenance throughout its life cycle of a minimum of at least 20 years. With this, DEFTECH with the collaboration of the Malaysian Defence

Industry can lay claim to the ownership of the “DEFTECH AV-8”. This will definitely be **“a record of sorts and a first”** in the Malaysian Defence industry history.

The other exhibits will highlight DEFTECH’s commitment, technical capabilities, position and presence in the local and regional defence industry. It also denotes DEFTECH as the leading manufacturer and supplier of defence, security and commercial automotive-related specialised vehicles to the Malaysian Armed Forces, Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), other government agencies and organisations. This, at the same time, also demonstrates its full support and commitment to the national defence efforts and activities.

DEFTECH’s participation in DSA 2010 shows its confidence in maintaining its market position as the leading manufacturer, system integrator, supplier-provider of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services of military and commercial vehicles, its subsystems / components, related equipment, other products and provision of spare parts in Malaysia and in the region in the near future.

In addition, DEFTECH will also continue to articulate and demonstrate the company’s positioning as an advocate of Smart Partnerships in its effort to acquire and develop expertise and technology know-how through Transfer of Technology (TOT), system integration, development and commissioning from foreign partners. This will enable DEFTECH to manufacture, assemble, service, repair, maintain, refurbish and upgrade all types of military vehicles, especially armoured tracked or wheeled vehicles. DEFTECH believes in the spirit of true and viable partnership, as it subscribes to excellence and giving its best not only to its partners, but primarily for the benefit of its customers.

The products exhibited are as follows:

1. ACV 300 ADNAN - Armoured Command Vehicle
2. ACV-S 300 ADNAN - 120mm Mortar Carrier
3. DEFTECH AV4, 4X4 - Light Armoured Wheeled Vehicle (Army Version)
4. HICOM HANDALAN II 4X4 - GS Cargo & Troop Transport
5. HICOM HANDALAN I, 4X4 - Fitted with Crane (FOCO Crane)
6. DMFK 250 - Field Mobile Kitchen
7. PT-91M PENDEKAR - Main Battle Tank
8. SCORPION AC90 – MRO Work in Progress Concept.
9. MOBILE POLICE STATION - Bus and Van Type
10. MERCEDES-BENZ ZETROSS 1833A - High Mobility Load Carrier & Troop Transporter.
11. MERCEDES-BENZ UNIMOG U4000 4X4 - Field Ambulance
12. MODENAS ATV - Police Version
13. MODENAS ELEGAN - Police Version

In showcasing the state-of-the-art Malaysian 1st Indigenous 8X8 Armoured Wheeled Vehicle (8x8 AWV) and its variants, DEFTECH will be exhibiting the following subsystems:

1. Run Flat System and Combat Wheels System
2. Electronics and Optics/ Radio Communications System.
3. Turret and Weapons System
4. Nuclear, Biological & Chemical Detection & Filtration Systems
5. Vehicle Periscopes
6. Intercommunication Systems
7. Surveillance System
8. Radio Communications Fittings (Commfit)
9. Electronics and Optics Surveillance System
10. Ammunition

Through smart partnerships, as stated above, ten (10) foreign partners and two (2) local partners are participating under DEFTECH's Pavilion, namely:

1. DAIMLER AG, Germany
2. HUTCHINSON, France
3. THALES, France
4. DENEL SA, South Africa
5. MDH BIOQUELL UK LTD, United Kingdom
6. KENT PERISCOPE LTD, United Kingdom
7. WBE ELECTRONICS, Poland
8. BRUKER DALTRONICS, Germany
9. VING HPG, Norway
10. ATK, United States of America
11. SAPURA THALES ELECTRONIC (STE), Malaysia
12. MAJU TRADING, Malaysia

In the past 14 years, DEFTECH has successfully achieved and developed its armoured vehicle technology and engineering skills through the local assembly and integration of the Adnan ACV300 IFV, the DEFTECH AV-4 and in the next year the local production of the 8x8 AWV. With this, DEFTECH is committed to maximize localization of components and parts and develop a realistic and viable local vendors programme to support its local manufacture of armoured vehicles on a long term basis.

“DEFTECH is always ready to participate in all defence procurement programmes by MINDEF, PDRM and other government agencies and in the commercial sector

especially on automotive related products,” said Encik Harith Abdullah, the Chief Executive Officer of DEFTECH, who is also the Deputy Chairman of the Automotive Working Group of the Malaysian Defence Industry Council (MDIC).

“DEFTECH will continue to play a vital role in driving the nation’s defence industry and working with key industry players, prime contractors, manufacturers, MRO and other service providers through its involvement as a member of MDIC,” Encik Harith added.

ABOUT DEFTECH

DRB-HICOM DEFENCE TECHNOLOGIES SDN BHD (DEFTECH) is a wholly owned subsidiary of DRB-HICOM Berhad. It was incorporated in 1996 with an authorized and paid-up capital of US\$3 million and has invested to date a total of US\$15 million. It is a one-stop center to undertake the sales and marketing, assembly, manufacturing, fabrication, upgrading, refurbishment, maintenance, repair, service, retrofitting, R&D and provision of spares for all categories of military and commercial vehicles.

ABOUT DRB-HICOM

DRB-HICOM BERHAD, as the parent company of DEFTECH continues to explore opportunities through its principal partnership and is passionately involved in fulfilling the transportation needs of every Malaysian as it has a vehicle for everyone, ranging from passenger cars to buses, trucks, specialised vehicles and even defence vehicles. The Group is one of Malaysia’s single largest companies demonstrating tremendous growth in its automotive services, with more than 30 companies involved in automotive business, ranging from manufacturing to assembly, pre-delivery inspection, distribution and after-sales support. Besides Automotive, the Group’s core businesses are in Services and Property & Infrastructure.

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