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## SMAG Mobile Antenna Masts supports ERA project for the supplying of two DPET systems for the Czech Armed Forces

A contract was signed between ERA company and the Czech Ministry in 1Q 2020 for the supplying of the latest generation of passive surveillance systems VERA-NG for the needs of the Czech Armed Forces. Within the 4Q 2020, ERA has closed the contracting process with the main subcontractors: SMAG Mobile Antenna Masts GmbH (SMAG) will provide the highly mobile masts for VERA-NG antennas. Tatra Trucks company will deliver the transport vehicles, Pavelka company the containers for Main Processing Shelter. The so-called DPET ACR project has been updated as planned, thus successfully overcoming the unprecedented obstacles related to the Covid-19 crisis.

In light of the Covid-19 situation, there is an important added value for the Czech economy thanks to the involvement of Czech companies in the project. Despite the difficulties caused by border closure, the major part of the project is also Czech-German cooperation. "In this phase we finished the contracting process with the main subcontractors: the German company SMAG and the Czech companies PAVELKA – kontejnery, Ltd. and TATRA Trucks, stock co.," stated the ERA Managing Director Viktor Sotona.

SMAG Mobile Antenna Masts GmbH, a subsidiary of Salzgitter Maschinenbau AG, complements VERA-NG system with eight mobile and collapsible mast systems. The masts are fully automated and after a short installation time ready for any rough terrain mission. This permits maximum mobility, rapid tactical deployment of the DPET system and minimizes risks for Czech soldiers during missions. "We recognise ERA as a high-tech company with remarkable experience in passive radar systems, especially for its unique surveillance and reconnaissance system VERA-NG. We developed together another new mobile antenna mast system, which connects both products in an optimal way.," stated Wolfgang Schnelle, SMAG Managing Director. This strengthens our both market position, we look forward for a long term relationship with company ERA. SMAG is very glad to be able to support our neighbour and especially the Czech MOD.

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## About SMAG Mobile Antenna Masts GmbH

SMAG Mobile Antenna Masts GmbH a subsidiary of Salzgitter Maschinenbau AG, is the unique manufacturer for Mobile Antenna Masts worldwide up to a height of 40 m without using any kind of guy wires. The Mobile Antenna Masts are globally used for disaster and military operation, for mobile communication, radio and broadcasting transmissions. The mast systems are tailor made and can be mounted e.g. on trailers, trucks, containers, armored vehicles and platforms.

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## About Salzgitter Maschinenbau AG

Salzgitter Maschinenbau Group headquartered in Salzgitter is a worldwide market leader in the manufacturing of Lifting Equipment for material handling, Process Technology and Special Purpose Machines.

The market position of the Group is based on a top professional competence combined with superior, standard-setting products, a powerful global salesforce, and complete worldwide service. Currently, the Salzgitter Maschinenbau-Group employs approx. 1,800 people at 27 locations around the world.

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## About ERA

ERA a.s. (a member of Omnipol Group) is a pioneer and leading supplier of next-generation surveillance and flight tracking solutions for the air traffic management, military, security and airport operations markets. As one of the developers of the respected technologies of multilateration and ADS-B and thanks to the company's traditional products ERA has 100 installations at a series of aerodromes, air traffic control centres and military organisations in 60 countries on all continents except Antarctica. For more than half a century ERA has built a proud heritage delivering multilateration based solutions such as wide area multilateration and surface surveillance to ATC controllers. Apart from systems for the civil sector, ERA has developed the unique passive radio-location system VERA-NG - an essential part of any modern defence surveillance network and advanced border protection.

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