

Plasan Sasa Announces Ballistic Armoring of MACK's GRANITE and ITEC's MXT Platforms

Cutting-Edge Solutions Provide Protection for Vehicles and Passengers

(AUSA, October 9, 2006) -- Plasan Sasa, a global leader in the field of combat-proven ballistic armor solutions used in a variety of applications - for land-based vehicles, air-based platforms, and personal protection - announces two projects to armor MACK's Granite Truck and International Truck and Engine Company's (ITEC) MXT platforms. Plasan recently acquired the automotive business of Vermont Composites of Bennington, Vermont - a leading manufacturer of carbon fiber products. The new company, Plasan USA, Inc., has become Plasan's US subsidiary.

For its global customers and partners, the name Plasan Sasa has become synonymous with armor. The company's solutions - which meet the strictest international standards - have been integrated by the Israel Defense Forces and by customers around the world including U.S. forces, NATO-related countries' forces, and Far East countries.

Plasan combines today's most advanced armor technologies in the creation of its engineering and ballistic solutions - including full protection against the threats encountered in evolving combat scenarios - IEDs, mines, assault rifles and artillery fragments. As part of Plasan's policy, solutions are designed in close cooperation with platform manufacturers - ensuring delivery of the most effective, comprehensive, and reliable armor solutions to meet the complex and difficult challenges faced by vehicles and crews. Plasan actively pursues cooperative development opportunities with international manufacturers, and supports armor engineering design for all types of platforms, including vehicles and personal armor equipment.

In cooperation with MACK Trucks, Plasan has created an armor solution for the Granite truck, providing ballistic protection for these logistical support vehicles and their crews against IED fragments and blasts. The easy-to-assemble, lightweight, and cost-effective solution includes a crane, enabling rapid two-person field assembly without the need for specialized tools. The platform is being exhibited at the Mack Trucks' stand at AUSA.

In a second project, in cooperation with ITEC, Plasan has developed a prototype for the MXT platform. The company created a unique vehicle armor that entailed building the vehicle from scratch using a combination of the most advanced materials available - in order to achieve the highest protection against every possible threat. The sophisticated utilization of these materials significantly increases the overall survivability profile and optimally protects drivers and passengers against all types of 7.62 AP ammo, mines,

and IED threats. Vehicles can be customized to include fire extinguishing and NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) protection systems, and are ideal for use in peacekeeping missions, urban warfare, homeland security and military applications. The platform is displayed at ITEC's stand at AUSA.

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