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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A reliable partner in the face of European security challenges**

In the midst of current geopolitical tensions, Arquus, a key player in the European defense industry specializing in the manufacture of wheeled armored vehicles, asserts its presence and commitment in Romania by participating in the BSDA expo, Hall B - stand B401 - from May 22 to 24 in Bucharest, Romania. This event takes place in a context of strengthening military cooperation and industrial partnerships in Europe in response to the war in Ukraine.

#### **Arquus strengthens industrial cooperation with Romania**

Arquus has been present in the Romanian market for over a decade, supplying Small Protected Vehicles (PVP: Petit Véhicule Protégé) acquired by the Romanian military police. The company has primarily developed local industrial partnerships, working in concert with Romanian companies to provide equipment and armaments integrated into various French and international programs. In recent years, Arquus has demonstrated the quality and versatility of its range of military vehicles in Romania, including its best-seller, the SHERPA light armored vehicle, available in a family of vehicles. Its production in Romania could be done through cooperation with local public and private operators, thus showcasing Arquus' ability to unite and enhance the national defense industrial base for the sovereign acquisition and autonomous support of new capabilities for the Romanian Armed Forces.

#### **Presence of a versatile fleet of Arquus vehicles in Romania**

Arquus, known for its expertise in the production of armored vehicles, is a historic player in the French army, supplying 90% of its wheeled armored vehicles. With Operation AIGLE, many Arquus vehicles have operated in Romania, demonstrating their mobility, adaptability, and resilience.

The following vehicles have been notably deployed:

- VAB: Forward Armored Vehicle (Véhicule de l'Avant Blindé)  
Highly mobile and versatile APC capable of carrying out missions ranging from troop transport to fire support.
- VBL: Light Armored Vehicle (Véhicule Blindé Léger)  
A high mobility 4x4 armored vehicle designed for reconnaissance, scout, cavalry, and infiltration missions.



VBL

- PVP : Small Protected Vehicle (Petit Véhicule Protégé)  
A 4x4 armored vehicle designed for protected transport and liaison missions.
- GBC 180: An iconic, versatile 6x6 military truck, capable of carrying 4 tons of payload.
- VT4: A non-armored 4x4 vehicle, designed for general liaison missions in stabilized areas.
- VBCI and Caesar produced by KNDS France, with mobility components designed by Arquus.
- VBMR GRIFFON: Multi-Role Armored Vehicle, produced as part of the Scorpion Program by a temporary group of companies. This 6x6 armored vehicle is primarily used as a troop transport vehicle.

These are just a few examples from Arquus' range, demonstrating the company's commitment to contributing to a safer world by offering states effective, reliable, and mission-adaptable ground systems. Arquus vehicles meet NATO standards, ensuring interoperability with NATO forces.

## About Arquus

**Arquus** is a French defense company, a leader in land mobility solutions. As a historic partner of the armed forces, Arquus has nearly 25,000 vehicles of all types in service within the Army, 22,000 of which are supported by the company. Arquus participates in the production of the new generation of the Army's frontline vehicles, the VBMR Griffon and the EBRC Jaguar, produced as part of a temporary group of companies. Arquus also handles all logistics for spare parts and components for the VBMR and EBRC vehicles from the Scorpion program through its logistics platform in Garchizy. A specialist in support, with nearly 30,000 vehicles supported daily, Arquus offers complete support packages, based on the company's historic skills. These solutions rely on an international logistics network supported by the Volvo Group, of which Arquus is a member. As a complete system integrator, Arquus also offers tele-operated turrets (Hornet range, developed under the Scorpion program), vetronics solutions (Battlenet), and mobility solutions (4x4, 6x6, and 8x8 chassis). Arquus is present in more than 60 countries internationally.



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