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FN Herstal Qualified on Numerous Multi-Role Helicopters and Subsonic Aircraft

(Herstal, Belgium) – June 12, 2013. Taking advantage of its century-long expertise in the design, development and manufacture of combat-proven machine guns, FN Herstal started to integrate 7.62x51mm NATO and .50 cal machine guns onto various platforms several decades ago. This has resulted in numerous rotary-wing and subsonic fixed-wing aircraft being qualified with FN integrated airborne weapon systems to total more than 3,000 units in service around the globe today.

FN airborne podded systems are fitted with a .50 cal FN M3P™ machine gun and are operated by the pilot using an armament management system. Various configurations are on sale – featuring a 250- or 400-round ammunition box and a Links (LC) or Links and Cases



FN HMP400™ LCC, featuring a .50 cal FN M3P™ machine gun (1,100 RPM), a 400-round ammunition box and a Links and Cases Collector

Collector (LCC). For the first time in its booth at the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget from 17 to 23 June 2013, FN Herstal will display a pod variant called FN RMP™/Cirit combining a .50 cal FN M3P™ machine gun and a three tube 2.75" laser guided missile launcher from the Turkish company Roketsan.

FN airborne pod weapon systems will be displayed with OEMs also to include: Aerotec Group, Beechcraft, Eurocopter, and Iomax.

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FN airborne pintle mounted systems – equipped with either a 7.62x51mm FN MAG® 58M or .50 cal FN M3M™ machine gun – are designed to be window-, door- or ramp-positioned. FN Herstal and the helicopter companies AgustaWestland and Eurocopter will display FN pintle weapon systems in Paris.



FN MDP™ (Medium Door Pintle) Turning, fitted with a .50 cal FN M3M™ machine gun (1,100 RPM)

In addition to airborne solutions, FN Herstal also offers integrated weapon systems for land and sea applications, including the deFNder® family of remote weapon stations fitted with FN machine guns ranging from 5.56x45mm NATO up to .50 cal.

For additional information on FN Herstal’s products, visit us at the Paris Air Show (Belgian Pavilion, Hall 2B, Booth no. G53).

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Since its creation in 1889, Belgium-based Company FN HERSTAL has designed, developed and manufactured small calibre firearms and products based on state-of-the-art technologies, imposing itself over the decades as a leading supplier of light and portable weapons, integrated weapon systems and ammunition to military, law enforcement and special forces operators worldwide.

The recent years were no different with FN Herstal launching a number of newly-developed products, such as the FN SCAR® family including a 5.56 or 7.62 assault rifle, a 40mm grenade launcher and a precision rifle, the FN FCU™ Fire Control Unit for 40mm grenades, the FN MINIMI® 7.62 machine gun, and the FN SmartCore® shot counter. On the integrated weapon systems, the development of a deFNder® RWS line was undoubtedly a significant step.

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