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## **Mack Defense Partners with JWF Industries for Assembly of the Lakota 6x6 Vehicle System**

**ALLENTOWN, PA** (June 2, 2016) – Mack Defense today announced a partnership with JWF Defense Systems, LLC, a wholly-owned division of JWF Industries, Inc. of Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the assembly of the Mack Defense Lakota 6x6 vehicle system. In addition to assembly, the partnership includes the manufacture of the vehicle’s armored hull. The versatile Lakota 6x6 combines exceptional capabilities with numerous configurations, offering end users a highly adaptable vehicle designed to meet the needs of a variety of missions.

“We look forward to working with JWF Defense Systems on the assembly of these vehicle solutions along with production of their armored hulls,” said Ryan Werling, president of Mack Defense. “JWF Defense has a long tradition of supporting the U.S. Department of Defense, and we are excited to have them as part of our team. In addition to the partnership for the Lakota, we also believe there is an opportunity for JWF to participate in the assembly of other armored vehicle programs that we are pursuing around the globe.”

The Mack Defense Lakota 6x6 vehicle system, which features a U.S.-built engine and transmission, is capable of a maximum on-road speed of 62 mph with a range of up to 1,400 miles. Available in five configurations, the Lakota 6x6 can transport up to 12 personnel. The vehicle is serviceable across the Volvo Group support network, which features locations around the world.

The Lakota 6x6 offers a unique design and fully armored hull, and given its lighter weight allows for better maneuverability while demonstrating superior off-road mobility and multi-mission capabilities.

“The Lakota 6x6 delivers the capabilities of an 8x8, but at a fraction of the cost,” Werling said. “The Lakota 6x6 is a compelling offer for any customer. The Lakota’s capabilities were tested and showcased in multiple locations throughout the U.S., including California, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Not only did the Lakota meet our performance expectations, but it exceeded them in many areas.”

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The Mack Defense Lakota 6x6 vehicle will be on display at Mack Defense booth number V7 during the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase for Commerce, a nationally known business and industry trade show and defense contracting exhibition May 31 to June 2 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



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Mack Defense, LLC, is part of the Volvo Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses, construction equipment and marine and industrial engines. The Group also provides complete solutions for financing and service. The Volvo Group, which employs about 100,000 people, has production facilities in 18 countries and sells its products in more than 190 markets. In 2015, the Volvo Group's sales amounted to about \$37 billion. The Volvo Group is a publicly held company headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden. Volvo shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

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