

Roll-Out in Langen

MWB Fahrzeugtechnik introduces PTV Armadillo 4x4 to the public.

In a well staged ceremony more than 100 invited guests celebrated the Roll-Out of the prototype of the protected transport vehicle PTV ARMADILLO 4x4 in MWB Fahrzeugtechnik's large workshop. The protection concept, developed within the last 15 months by Finish FY Composites OY and German MWB Fahrzeugtechnik GmbH, provides protection against ballistic and mine threats. "Our aim was to offer a high protection level at reasonable weight and at low cost" explains MWBF Managing Director Burkhard Müller. "We achieve this by concentration on protection only leaving out comfort aspects and add-ons and utilising used but overhauled vehicle platforms. As maintenance specialists we can offer a vehicle in as-good-as-new condition at a fraction of the price of a new vehicle. We like the expression 'Ryanair of Protection' – no frills, just the necessary the customer is willing to pay for."

The Mayor of the town of Langen pointed out the importance of MWBF as largest industrial unit in his town. He appreciated the initiative of MWBF: "The company intends to offer ten additional jobs including two mechanics-apprentices. Including the female apprentices already employed four apprentices is a very good relation for a 60 strong crew."

Member of regional Parliament, Hans-Christian Biallas, forwarded the compliments of the regional government: "The concept should have a bright future given the actual situation in Afghanistan, not only for military but also for non-governmental organisations."

Positive statements also came from the Finish Military Attaché, Mr. Heikki Bruce, who pointed out the very fruitful and efficient co-operation between the two companies. "I is a pity that the colleagues from FY Composites and Finish press could not come due to the volcanic chaos in air transport. I very much like the idea if a roll-out of the second prototype in Nokia."

Nobody could withdraw from the frill of the Roll-Out ceremony: At the music of "2001 – space odyssee" the PTV Armadillo 4x4 emerged from a wall of fog and provided goose skin-feelings among the guests. Some technically interested persons took the opportunity to have a closer look to the vehicle while others preferred to enjoy the Barbecue buffet, where even reindeer meat and finish Wodka was offered. Closing time was neglected and some guests left the workshop after dark, keeping very positive feelings in their memories.

[PTV ARMADILLO 4x4](#)

[Protected Transport Vehicle ARMoured AnD Improved Light Lorry four wheel drive](#)

Pictures:

1. Roll-Out of PTV ARMADILLO 4x4
2. MWBF-Managing Director Dr. Burkhard Müller
3. Mayor Thorsten Krüger
4. Member of Parliament of Lower Saxony Hans-Christian Biallas
5. Finish Military Attaché Heikki Bruce
6. Workshop with guests, poster "Men at Work"



