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Javelin fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile

This year's DefExpo exhibition in Chennai, India, is the perfect opportunity for the Javelin Joint Venture (a partnership of Lockheed Martin and Raytheon) to show off the advanced capabilities of the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile. Being in good standing with the Indian Government and utilizing the U.S. Government's Foreign Military Sales program, the world's most transparent and effective procurement process, the Javelin Joint Venture stands ready to support India's requirement for an effective and proven combat system for operational deployments.

Javelin is the world's most versatile and lethal one-man portable and platform employed anti-tank and multi-target precision weapon system. Employing fire-and-forget technology, Javelin guides itself to the target, freeing the gunner to reposition out of harm's way or reload as appropriate once the missile is fired.

Capable of defeating all known armored threats in the world today, including main battle tanks, Javelin also defeats a broad range of regular and irregular targets as demonstrated in numerous combat operations. The Javelin Joint Venture continues to expand and enhance Javelin's capabilities, working closely with the end-user customers and industry partners to provide the warfighter with the most effective system for improving vehicle lethality and survivability.

Javelin is the lightest, easiest-to-operate weapon of its class, and does not require a tripod for deployment. Only minimal instruction/training is required to effectively operate the Javelin system, reducing training time and expenses. First-time gunners hit their targets more than 97 percent of the time.

Capable of fire-and-forget target engagements across the full envelope of the weapon, Javelin can address threats from as close as 65 meters to as far as 4 kilometers in most operational conditions. Javelin has also demonstrated a 94 percent operational readiness rate over the life of the weapon system.

Javelin is adaptable to various platforms, and has been successfully integrated, mounted and employed from remote weapon stations, as well as manned/unmanned turrets. Javelin is currently being mounted on the U.S. Army's Stryker vehicles, and is in the process of being deployed around the world.