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### **DEUTZ and ARX Robotics launch first series production of the unmanned ground system GEREON**

- Ramp-up of production of the unmanned ground system Gereon at the DEUTZ plant in Ulm
- First systems are scheduled to be delivered to Ukraine from late summer onward

Cologne/Munich, July 7, 2026 – DEUTZ AG is launching industrial series production of the GEREON, an unmanned ground system for deployment on the battlefield, as part of a strategic partnership with ARX Robotics. ARX Robotics, based in Munich, is a leading European defense-tech company that is developing a new generation of unmanned, software-defined ground defense systems. As early as October 2025, the two companies had signed a corresponding strategic partnership.

“Alongside technological know-how in the powertrain market, industrial scaling potential is a key strength of DEUTZ,” says Marco Herre, CEO of the Business Unit Defense at DEUTZ. “To deliver the Gereon to Ukraine, we are ramping up production at our Ulm plant. In this way, the strategic partnership with ARX Robotics is creating a substantial contribution to strengthening European defense policy through support for Ukraine.”

Production is scheduled to start in a few weeks, with the first systems from the Ulm facility to be delivered to Ukraine as early as late summer.

Marc Wietfeld, co-founder and CEO of ARX Robotics, adds: “The war in Ukraine shows that Europe’s defense capability depends not only on innovation, but also on industrial scaling. ARX Robotics and DEUTZ are building the bridge between military innovation and industrial mass scaling. Together, we are accelerating the development of these capabilities.”



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In addition to rapid industrial scaling, the strategic partnership aims to deploy DEUTZ's leading drive systems in ARX Robotics' unmanned ground systems. These include battery-electric drives and, in the future, smaller combustion or hybrid drives. To this end, the two companies will develop an interface that connects ARX's AI-driven software platform Mithra OS with DEUTZ drives.

Furthermore, DEUTZ will provide energy infrastructure in the field through its Business Units Energy and NewTech. This includes power generators and storage solutions as well as replaceable batteries. ARX Robotics will also be able to access DEUTZ's global production and service network, significantly increasing the scalability and serviceability of the solutions. This allows even large orders to be processed quickly.

With its Business Unit Defense, DEUTZ is strategically tapping into the defense market. In addition to supplying combustion engines for military applications, acquisitions and partnerships – particularly in the field of military drones, autonomous military vehicles, and decentralized power generation – are among the company's key activities.



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Caption: Through the cooperation with ARX Robotics DEUTZ strengthens its position as a partner in the growing ecosystem for unmanned defense systems.



Caption: The production of the Gereon is scheduled to start in a few weeks, with the first systems from the Ulm facility to be delivered to Ukraine as early as late summer.

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**About DEUTZ**

DEUTZ has evolved in recent years from a manufacturer of conventional engines into a system provider for innovative and sustainable mobility and energy solutions. Founded in 1864 in Cologne, where it is still based today, DEUTZ is the world's oldest engine company. The development, production, and distribution of high-performance drive systems for off-highway applications remains at the heart of its operations. DEUTZ is also playing its part in the transition to more sustainable transportation and power supplies by offering alternative drive solutions and decentralized energy and power generation systems. DEUTZ solutions are used in a wide range of applications, including construction equipment, agricultural machinery, material handling equipment such as forklift trucks and lifting platforms, stationary equipment such as generator sets (gensets), and commercial and rail vehicles. The



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broad-based product portfolio is complemented by an extensive service offering that encompasses maintenance and repair work, the supply of spare parts, and remanufacturing. This is being continually expanded with the addition of digital, data-driven services. With around 1,250 sales and service locations in nearly 180 countries, DEUTZ offers its customers an integrated range of products and services from a single source. DEUTZ employs around 6,000 people worldwide and generated revenue of just over €2.0 billion in 2025. Further information is available at [www.deutz.com](http://www.deutz.com).

### **About ARX Robotics**

Founded in 2022, ARX Robotics has become one of Europe's leading developers of next-generation unmanned ground vehicles and software-defined defense infrastructure. The company enhances land-force capabilities through rapidly deployable autonomous systems and modernizes legacy military platforms through its AI-driven operating system Mithra OS. ARX Robotics systems and technologies are deployed across several European armed forces and represent the most widely deployed Western-built UGVs in Ukraine. The company is committed to developing technologies that maximize soldier protection and strengthen European sovereignty and defense readiness.

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