

Colt CZ Defence Solutions signed a memorandum of cooperation with Explosia

Prague (March 19, 2026) – Colt CZ Defence Solutions and Explosia have signed a memorandum of cooperation aimed at developing collaboration in the supply of products and services supporting the defense and security of the Czech Republic. The memorandum was signed today in Pardubice by the management of both companies.

The memorandum focuses primarily on expert cooperation in the testing and certification of new types of ammunition, as well as modification of existing ammunition for the needs of the Czech Armed Forces and NATO partners. The collaboration will also cover joint research and development activities in the areas of energetic materials, ammunition, and weapon systems, contributing to the enhancement of operational capabilities of the Czech Armed Forces and NATO allies. In addition, the cooperation will include the implementation of relevant NATO standards, technical norms, certifications, technical specifications, and standardization documents in this field.

“Explosia a.s. is one of Europe’s leading manufacturers of energetic materials and explosives, and its expertise is of critical importance to the defense industry. Combining Explosia’s technical expertise with our experience in weapons systems and ammunition creates a strong foundation for joint research, testing, and certification of new solutions. I believe this cooperation will contribute not only to the development of the Czech defense industrial sector, but also to strengthening the capabilities of the Czech Armed Forces and our NATO partners,” said **Petr Vávra, Director of Colt CZ Defence Solutions**.

“Both companies aim to share their expertise in new technological trends and developments in the field. Our goal is to enhance the technological capabilities of both partners and to develop solutions that support the advancement of capabilities of the Czech Armed Forces and NATO partners,” stated **Tomáš Rubáček, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Explosia a.s.**

The memorandum further expresses the interest of both companies to cooperate in manufacturing and system integration in the areas of energy materials, ammunition, and weapon systems in line with the requirements of the Czech Armed Forces. At the same time, it declares a shared interest in monitoring technological trends in energetic materials, weapons, and ammunition, contributing to the technological development of both companies and to strengthening the capabilities of the Czech Armed Forces and NATO Allies.

About Colt CZ Defence Solutions

Colt CZ Defence Solutions is a fully owned subsidiary of the Group, based in Uherský Brod. The company specializes in international trade in military materiel and ammunition for military and law enforcement. In case of customer request, it provides production transfer and

transfer of technology related to the supply of military materiel. The company also provides related training and support services throughout the life cycle of the supplied products and technologies.

About Explosia a.s.

Explosia a.s. is a traditional and the leading Czech manufacturer of explosives, with a history dating back to 1920, when the “Czechoslovak Joint-Stock Factory for Explosive Substances” was established. The Explosia brand name has been in use since 1934. The company is wholly owned by the Czech state and holds a strong position in the explosives market not only in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, but also internationally.

Explosia is a globally recognized producer of industrial explosives and smokeless propellants, which it exports to a wide range of countries within and beyond the European Union. The company operates well-established manufacturing and storage facilities staffed by highly qualified personnel, enabling it to offer customers a broad portfolio of specialized products in the field of explosives.

About Colt CZ Group SE

Colt CZ Group (Colt CZ) is one of the leading producers of firearms and ammunition for military and law enforcement, personal defense, hunting, sport shooting, and other commercial use. It markets and sells its products mainly under the Colt, CZ (Česká zbrojovka), Colt Canada, Dan Wesson, Sellier & Bellot, Spuhr, swissAA and 4M Tactical brands. The Group is also active in the production of energetic nitrocellulose through Synthesia Nitrocellulose, in which it holds a 51% stake.

Colt CZ Group is headquartered in the Czech Republic and employs more than 4,500 people in its production facilities in the Czech Republic, the United States, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, and Hungary. The Group has been listed on the Prague Stock Exchange since 2020, and its largest shareholder is Česká zbrojovka Partners SE holding.

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