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## Texelis' production re-starts to support the French Army and other key customers

The company recommences production at its Limoges facility in close cooperation with official government guidelines

Production has re-started at the Texelis production facility in Limoges, France in support of key customers, such as the French Army which is heavily committed to ongoing operations such as Operation Resilience in France and Operation Barkhane in the Sahel.

As a strategic supplier to the DGA, Texelis has ensured the continuous supply, throughout the Covid-19 emergency, of critical spare parts for the French Army's operational vehicles and also maintained the Nexter Serval® 4x4 programme schedule. In addition, Texelis was able to re-start general serial production on 6th April and has now added a second shift at the company's Limoges site.

Production for other priority customer programmes, including new axles for ARQUUS and Alstom, and deliveries for key export customers, is well underway.

All work at Texelis facilities complies with official French Government guidelines and is being undertaken in full consultation with the Staff Committee in order to keep all staff and customers safe. This includes adherence to all safety measures, the use of masks, gloves, social distancing, sanitisers and rearranged work flows to minimise risk. Processes have also been put in place to enable remote working where possible across the Texelis business structure.



"Despite the current serious and unprecedented circumstances, our customers, such as the French Army and the DGA, rely on us to remain operational and are in need of the critical equipment we produce here at our Limoges facility," Jean Vandel, Managing Director at Texelis Defence, said. "We are working to continue production to support them in line with government guidelines, while prioritising the safety of all Texelis staff and customers.

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely and adapt our processes to suit the evolving situation."

Texelis remains on track for its new T750/700 production line, opened in February, to reach full rate production in 2021. The production line will be capable of producing 2,000+ axle units per year as part of its work providing the full vehicle driveline including T750, powerpack, suspension, steering, cooling, exhaust and electrical systems - for the Serval® 4x4 expeditionary combat vehicle selected to fulfil the Véhicule Blindé Multi-Rôle-Léger (VBMR-L) portion of the French DGA's SCORPION programme.

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