**PRESS RELEASE**

**Česká zbrojovka signed an amendment with the Ministry of Defense**

**to increase the fulfilment of the framework agreement**

**Prague (11 March 2022)** – On 9 March 2022, Česká zbrojovka concluded an amendment to the framework agreement for the purchase of small arms, signed in April 2020, with the Ministry of Defense. The amendment will enable the Army of the Czech Republic to receive small arms supplies with the value of up to CZK 1.18 billion higher than the originally agreed limit of CZK 2.35 billion. Based on the amended contract, Česká zbrojovka will, among other things, increase the supply of the CZ BREN 2 assault rifles, CZ P-10 pistols, and other small arms, including accessories, depending on the current needs of the Army of the Czech Republic.

*"Česká zbrojovka is a long-term and proud partner of the Army of the Czech Republic, so we are ready to prioritize and accelerate supplies for our army, and thus contribute to the defense of the Czech Republic,"* said **Jan Zajíc**, CEO of Česká zbrojovka. *"Primarily, the amendment to the framework agreement will enable us to respond faster and better to the immediate needs of the Army of the Czech Republic caused by the latest developments in the security situation in Eastern Europe,"* **Zajíc** added.

*"The purchase of new firearms in the NATO caliber will lead to a complete transition of weapons for the individual soldier to NATO caliber and type unification of the professional units of the Army of the Czech Republic. Moreover, this creates conditions for the gradual rearmament of the members of the active reserves with small arms,"* said the **Ministry of Defense**.

Česká zbrojovka, located in Uherský Brod, is the main European production facility of CZG – Česká zbrojovka Group. It produces firearms for military and law enforcement units and for commercial use. The company exports to more than 90 countries. Currently, Česká zbrojovka’s firearms are widely used by military and law enforcement agencies in more than 40 countries worldwide.

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