

# KNDS PRESS RELEASE

## KNDS statement - Denial

A recent article published on 9 May 2024 by the specialist website "zona-militar.com" and picked up by certain media refers to a study by the Argentine Army dated 4 March 2024 on its preference for a howitzer competing with the CAESAR system.

KNDS France wishes to emphasise that it was not involved in any selection process in Argentina and did not have access to the report referred to in this publication.

KNDS France is surprised by the conditions under which such a comparative report was produced without having been consulted beforehand.

In addition to questioning the methodology used to carry out this type of study without any offer from the manufacturer, KNDS France also disputes the accuracy of certain technical points cited in the article. For example, the fact that the report mentions that the CAESAR is not air-transportable, whereas the CAESAR MKI is the only 155/52 cal wheeled howitzer to be certified as C-130 air-transportable.

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