

## **Obtaining Politician's underwriting to buy & supply the artillery required to stop Russia's advance.**

### **Purpose.**

This note serves as a clarion call to politicians to actively engage in freeing up the procurement of artillery to avoid defeat in Ukraine. The artillery 'market' is currently dysfunctional, agile organisations have found critical 155 shells but need political and financial underwriting to buy and supply them.

### **Strategic Context.**

Russia has attained Artillery Advantage in Ukraine. Consequently, Ukraine has a strategic critical vulnerability in its ability to identify, source and field artillery at the rate required to deter Russian advances this summer. If Ukraine's artillery 'tail' is not re-established, Ukraine's fielded force is highly likely to lose significant amounts of terrain, potentially leading to defeat and/or political settlement on Russia's terms. With Russia's tail up, its military and industrial machine will carry momentum into whatever comes next.

### **Artillery Supply.**

A dysfunctional market where Russia dominates much of the world's Artillery production. The West has allocated the funds, the challenge is the 'supply' side. Much of the 155 shell production is in Russia's sphere of influence, accordingly there are only a couple of areas from which we can source.

### **Problem Statement.**

The bottleneck is enabling and supporting organisations that can identify, source and delivery the amounts required at the pace required to sustain Ukraine's fielded force. These organisations are few and far between.

Whilst having the ability, the big Prime's do not have the agility and appetite to negotiate with particular actors. Smaller more nimble British providers have the willingness and ability but need support from the British political and financial establishments to reassure banks and financial 'safeguarding' concerns.

### **Desired Outcome.**

Big politicians step up to actively engage banks and financial leaders to reassure the financial sector and to enable small, nimble organisations with pre-identified 155 stocks to buy and supply immediately.

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