

contract basis by large commercial manufacturers. These commercial manufacturers, along with numerous others, also produce ammunition of a caliber used by the military such as 9 mm, 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm for the civilian market. A sampling of companies that have Internet web pages and produce ammunition or ammunition components are: 3-D Ammunition and Bullets, Bismuth Cartridge Company, Cascade Ammunition, Cor Bon Ammunition, Hornady Manufacturing Co, Impact Bullets, Lapua Ltd, Mullins Ammunition, Victory Cartridge Company and Winchester Ammunition to name a few. Most of these manufacturers produce ammunition and/or ammunition components in the magnitude of many millions of rounds annually. In addition companies such as Century International Arms Inc. import and export large amounts of ammunition and firearms, much of it surplus to various militaries.<sup>27</sup>

Canada has very few major ammunition manufacturers. Expro Chemical Products Inc. is the only large Canadian manufacturer of propellants while SNC Technologies is the only large ammunition producer and the primary supplier of small arms ammunition for the Canadian Armed Forces. According to the records of the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada, there are about 60 companies licenced to manufacture sporting ammunition or ammunition components.<sup>28</sup> Most of these, some 50 plus in all, are small companies specializing in hand loading custom built cartridges for sale to police forces or sports shooters. Canada has records of import from some 30 countries for ammunition and ammunition components. By far the greatest source is the USA where about 45 manufacturers of ammunition and ammunition components are listed as importers to Canada. Other import sources of note are the UK, Australia, France, Sweden, Italy, Germany, Russia, and South Africa. Also of interest are imports from Israel, Mexico, Malaysia, Poland, Brazil and China. The ammunition in question is firearms sporting ammunition which sometimes includes 7.62 mm, 5.56 mm and 9 mm rounds.

Legal private ammunition loading for personal use, primarily competitive shooting, but also for hunting and, mostly in the USA, for self-defence, is widespread, particularly in North America. Good hand loading equipment can be purchased from a variety of sources. Reloading kits capable of producing several hundred to several thousand rounds a day by one or two persons can be purchased in the range of US \$145 to \$355.<sup>29</sup> In addition, companies such as MAST Technologies<sup>30</sup> provide large scale high quality, new and used ammunition machinery. Their

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<sup>27</sup> For details on prices and rounds available see <http://www.Centuryarms.com/ammo.htm> and <http://www.randomc.com/~atl/gator/>

<sup>28</sup> See <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/explosif> for details.

<sup>29</sup> For only one source see <http://www.huntingtons.com/>

<sup>30</sup> For details on what they offer see <http://www.bellammo.com/machine.html>.