



Quick-fire success launched

ARMS developer Metal Storm said it successfully completed an endurance firing test of its rapid-fire 3GL grenade launcher.

The Brisbane company said it completed a 200-shot firing test of its 40mm STORM40 ammunition using the 3GL rocket launcher.

“Firing 200 rounds in stacks of three demonstrates that this system has reached levels of maturity and reliability that had not been previously demonstrated by the

company,” Metal Storm chief engineer David Pashen said.

The launcher has given Metal Storm a competitive advantage in the market, chief executive Lee Finnear said.

“The most obvious advantage is how the 3GL can be used in the opening seconds of a combat engagement,” he said.

“In these critical first few seconds a squad equipped with 3GLs can unleash three times the num-

ber of 40mm grenades on the enemy [as normal launchers].

“Whether in a planned attack, or in response to an ambush by the enemy, this firepower can be the decisive element in winning the firefight and saving our soldiers’ lives,” he said.

The company aims to be producing the 3GL in 2010.

Metal Storm shares climbed 3c, or 9.68 per cent, yesterday to 3.4c.



Big shot: Metal Storm boss Lee Finnear, seen with a different weapon, sees a big advantage from its grenade launcher