

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL cooperates with thyssenkrupp Marine Systems on MKS 180 program**

Kiel, August 8th, 2018 – On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL (GNYK) signed an agreement with thyssenkrupp Marine Systems. Marine Systems as subcontractor of GNYK, will contribute to the development and construction of the multi-purpose combat vessel MKS 180. GNYK is the only remaining German main contractor in the EU-wide tender of the German Navy. Incorporating thyssenkrupp Marine Systems' teams into the MKS program will further increase the German share in the MKS proposal.

GNYK is integrating the best available naval competences worldwide into its MKS 180 offer. The selected Marine Systems specialists will focus on the coordination and integration of combat systems and the intensive usability of naval vessels.

"Our offer for the MKS 180 program becomes even stronger with the input of the two engineering houses Alion and thyssenkrupp Marine Systems," said GNYK Managing Director Jörg Herwig. "Our combined skills and expertise are enabling us to address the needs of our customer and to serve the quality of execution in the best possible way. We are very happy to welcome thyssenkrupp's engineers into our team with whom we have already successfully collaborated in the past," Herwig added.

GNYK had previously contracted the US Navy supplier Alion for contributing cutting-edge engineering technology of the world's strongest navy to its MKS 180 offer. The engineering house adds unmatched experience and references, having developed successful designs of similar programs for the US Navy. The entire development and engineering of the vessels will take place in Germany. Further, the intellectual property rights and know-how related to the MKS 180 program will also remain in the country.

**GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL GmbH:**

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL is specialised in the development, construction and repair of complex naval ships such as frigates, corvettes, and offshore patrol vessels. Originating from the surface shipbuilding of Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft GmbH, the shipyard looks back on 180 years of history. Formerly known as HDW-Gaarden, GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL has a long naval tradition: ships of all frigate classes with which the German Navy is currently operating have been built here. The powerful infrastructure includes the largest dry dock in the Baltic Sea region (426 metres long) and a 900-t gantry crane.

Together with the sister shipyards NOBISKRUG (Rendsburg) and LINDENAU (Kiel) GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL is part of the German shipyard group GERMAN NAVAL YARDS.

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS is part of the Prinvest Group, a leading provider of marine solutions. Prinvest in Europe also include world-renowned industry specialists such as the French naval shipyard CMN and Isherwoods in Great Britain. Their competencies ideally complement the expertise of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL as a system integrator for large, complex naval vessels.

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