

## PRESS RELEASE

# Prince Albert II of Monaco guest at GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel

(Kiel, 14.09.2016) Princely reception at GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel: On Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, S.A.S. Prince Albert II of Monaco paid the shipyard a private visit as part of his trip to the state capital of Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel.

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel presented itself as an attentive host and invited the Prince, after being welcomed by the management, on a helicopter flight over the three shipyards in Northern-Germany belonging to the international Privinvest Group: NOBISKRUG (Rendsburg), LINDENAU (Kiel-Friedrichsort) and GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel. Following the one-hour flight Prince Albert II enjoyed the view from the Sky Lounge on the crane of the Kiel shipyard for an original high-tea. The 900 t gantry crane is one of Kiel's landmarks, it offers a reception area at an approximate height of 100 m and an impressive 360-degree panoramic view of Kiel.

After exchanging presents and the obligatory entry in the guest book of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel the noble visit of Prince Albert II of Monaco ended. However, this visit will have a follow-up soon, as Susanne Wiegand, Managing Director of the three German shipyard states: "Already in two weeks we will be in the Principality of Monaco during the annual Monaco Yacht Show, where we are represented successfully with our yacht brand NOBISKRUG". In addition Mrs. Wiegand says: "Of course, we have also invited Prince Albert II to visit our booth at the Yacht Show. We would be happy to see him again at this occasion."

The international fair will take place from September, 28<sup>th</sup> to October to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at Port Hercules in the Principality of Monaco.

## **GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel GmbH:**

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel GmbH looks back on more than 175 years of experience in shipbuilding. Developed from the former surface naval shipbuilding of Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft GmbH (HDW), the shipyard in Kiel is – just like its sister shipyards NOBISKRUG GmbH and LINDENAU Werft GmbH – today as German shipyard group GERMAN NAVAL YARDS part of the international Privinvest-Group and is thus continuing the long-standing shipbuilding tradition situated at the Kiel Fjord.

With sites of more than 250.000 m<sup>2</sup>, several state-of-the-art shipbuilding halls, an extraordinarily crane with a lifting weight of up to 900 t as well as one of the largest dry docks in the Baltic Sea region (426 m in length), GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel offers the perfect conditions for unique new ship buildings. The shipyard is specialized on construction and building of naval vessels with focus on OPVs, corvettes and frigates.

Part of the German shipyard group is the brand yacht NOBISKRUG - one of the leading builders of large superyachts worldwide.

Furthermore the service department offers tailor-made solutions – not only at the German shipyard facilities but also worldwide – for any kind of maintenance and repair measures as well as for the conversion of naval vessels, yachts, commercial and government vessels.

Additionally, the field of activities of the shipyard group includes hydraulic steel work. In this field the company has been successfully busy for years with new building as well as repairing of lock gates, plants, bridges, feeders and other steel constructions.

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS employs approximately 1000 highly skilled employees in Germany. All three shipyards are conducted by an integrated management team and a common administration.

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