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GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL and ZEPPELIN MOBILE SYSTEMS Start Construction of Integrated Hospital for German Navy combat support vessel

(Kiel, 25.09.2019) GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL (GNYK) has started the construction of the first integrated Naval Rescue Centre (iMERZ) for the German Navy. On September 25th 2019, the start of the steel cutting ceremony took place at the shipyard in Kiel. The rescue centre will be used as a permanent deckhouse on the "Frankfurt am Main" combat support vessel. The equipment of the two operating rooms, the other treatment rooms and the laboratories with the necessary medical equipment and facilities will be supplied by the Baden-Württemberg project partner ZEPPELIN MOBILE SYSTEME (ZMS).

"We are proud that we once again are able to make an important contribution to optimise the capabilities of the German Navy," said Jörg Herwig, Managing Director of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL. Ralf Griesbaum, Managing Director of ZEPPELIN MOBILE SYSTEME (ZMS), said: "After winning the contract for the feasibility study together in 2016, we are now looking forward to the joint implementation at the shipyard."

"This order shows once again how closely shipbuilding cooperates with the maritime supply industry in Germany to develop and implement technical innovations for the Bundeswehr", Herwig said. "This proximity and ability to cooperate is the strength of German naval surface shipbuilding and leads to new, innovative ideas".

The iMERZ is a complete hospital consisting of a hospital ward, two operating rooms, an X-ray room, a dental technology department and various laboratories. Until 2015, a container-based rescue center was installed on the "Frankfurt am Main". This was destroyed by a fire in 2015. The new iMERZ is to be integrated into "Frankfurt am Main" in Kiel in spring 2020.

The Bundeswehr has been a customer of GNYK for many years. The combat support vessel "Frankfurt am Main" was most recently



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involved in the repair of a rear-end damage at the Kiel shipyard in the summer of 2017. In summer 2020, GNYK will start the work for the new corvettes of the K 130 class. These will be built together in a joint venture with Bremer Lürssen shipyard and ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems. GNYK is also the last remaining German general contractor in the competition for the construction of the multi-purpose warship 180 (MKS 180) for the Bundeswehr.

GNYK has a first-class infrastructure and the necessary experience to build technologically highly complex naval vessels. The shipyard is also able to build and repair several large ships at the same time. A functioning shipyard infrastructure on the Baltic Sea is of particular importance in terms of security policy for NATO operations or exercises.

ZEPPELIN MOBILE SYSTEME GmbH:

ZEPPELIN MOBILE SYSTEME GmbH from Lake Constance is a worldwide operating manufacturer of mobile hospital, emergency and prevention systems, mobile communication, supply and service units as well as customer-specific mobile workspaces. In the tradition of Zeppelin airships that goes back for more than 100 years, we are still committed to mobility today. Special attention is paid to medical or humanitarian logistic care under extreme operating conditions.

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL GmbH:

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL is specialized in the construction and building of large military vessels such as frigates, corvettes and offshore patrol vessels. Developed from the surface shipbuilding of HDW (Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft GmbH), the shipyard faces 180 years of history. It was previously named HDW-Gaarden and has a long military tradition: Many ships of currently operating frigate classes were built at GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL. The largest dry dock in the Baltic Sea (426 m of length) and a 900 tons gantry crane are included in its efficient infrastructure.

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

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