



LNG-operated survey vessel “ATAIR” for the first time in its element

FASSMER and GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL cooperation results in a project completed in time and budget

(Kiel/Berne, 28 February 2019) The worldwide first LNG-operated survey vessel “ATAIR” has floated in Kiel after a building period of 16 months. The vessel was built on behalf of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH). General contractor is FASSMER shipyard. Hull and superstructure as well as parts of the outfitting were constructed at GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL. The survey vessel is planned to be used for wreck search and underwater surveying..

The LNG-propulsion - known as the future technology in the shipping industry - is a very innovative feature on “ATAIR”. The vessel will use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) instead of usual Diesel, which is more climate-friendly than fuel. .

Harald Fassmer, Managing Director of FASSMER shipyard said: “The building of the vessel is very complex and large parts of outfitting works are still ahead of us. Therefore I am glad that we have reached this milestone in time. The towing of the ship to FASSMER shipyard is scheduled for middle of March, where installation and finishing works in all trades will be continued seamlessly.”

Jörg Herwig, Managing Director of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL, added: “We are very proud that GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL has proven again its ability to build a complex and technically demanding vessel once more in due time and within budget. Especially if we consider the innovative side of the vessel, floating of the dock becomes a particularly emotional moment.”

Furthermore Herwig emphasizes the “extraordinary tight cooperation” with FASSMER. “We are pulling together in the same direction and this is for the benefit of the vessel’s quality.”

After successful finishing of all trials the new building is planned to be delivered to the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) in spring 2020.



Facts:

Beginning of steel cutting: 31 January 2017
Keel laying: 20 December 2017
Floating: 28. February 2019

FASSMER GmbH & Co. KG:

The company was founded in 1850 and is 100% family-run being managed in 5th generation by brothers Holger and Harald Fassmer. In the field of shipbuilding the company develops, designs and manufactures special purpose ships for civilian and military use. These include for example research ships, offshore patrol vessels, ferries (LNG), explorer yachts or also rescue cruisers.

As manufacturer of rescue boats and launching appliances FASSMER belongs to the world's leading suppliers. In the field of plant engineering the company manufactures boarding systems and cargo ports in the outer shell of yachts and passenger ships beneath others. In the field of wind turbines FASSMER also manufactures spinner and nacelle covers as well as helipads made of plastic and aluminum. In the product field of fibre composite technology components are mass produced for the automobile and leisure industry. FASSMER disposes of production facilities in Germany, Poland, China and the USA with more than 1,200 employees worldwide.

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: Ships of all frigate classes developed at GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL, with which the Germany Navy is presently operating. The largest dry dock in the Baltic Sea (426 m of length) and a 900 tons gantry crane are included in its efficient infrastructure.

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