



Milestone reached in “ATAIR” construction

GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL hands over the steel hull to FASSMER within planned time and budget

(Kiel/Berne, 31 January 2019) Construction of the 75-meter “ATAIR” was successfully completed in the given time- and cost schedule. With a solemn handshake the survey vessel’s steel hull being built at the Kiel shipyard GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL was handed over to the general contractor yard FASSMER. The ship is being built by order of the BSH (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency).

Harald Fassmer, CEO of FASSMER said: “Thanks to the excellent cooperation with our partner GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL we manage to complete the building of the most modern authority vessel of the Federal Republic of Germany in due time and in state-of-the-art quality. We are extremely pleased about the good and trustful teamwork with our colleagues in Kiel and are already discussing further common projects”.

Jörg Herwig, CEO of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL, added: “We are proud to be able to hand over such a complex vessel once more in due time and within budget. A significant factor for this project’s success was especially the close cooperation with the FASSMER shipyard. This is the best example for German shipyards being excellent in cooperating together.”

In addition, FASSMER and GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL agreed upon FASSMER executing further outfitting works on the vessel on the site of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS KIEL within the next two months. The Kiel shipyard has one of the largest shipyard infrastructures in the Baltic area which is especially suitable for ships of this size.

“ATAIR” is the first sea-going survey, wreck search and research vessel with LNG propulsion. It is the first cooperation of the two shipyards. The 114 Million new construction is planned for delivery to BSH beginning of 2020.



Facts:

Beginning of steel cutting: 31 January 2017
Keel laying: 20 December 2017

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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