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# High-Level Delegation from China visits GERMAN NAVAL YARDS Kiel

(Kiel, 07.10.2016) On Thursday, 6th October 2016 managing director of GERMAN NAVAL YARDS, Holger Kahl, welcomes high-level guests from China on the shipyard in Kiel.

The nine-person delegation from the province Zhejiang was led by Mr. Xia Baolong, Party Secretary, one of the leading representatives of the province with 50 Mio. inhabitants situated at the Eastern Chinese Sea.

“Shipbuilding connects and builds bridges”, adds Holger Kahl to the assumption of the Party Secretary, that already in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – long before the partnership between the Chinese province and Schleswig-Holstein was established – ships built in Kiel have probably been delivered to the Chinese Imperial fleet.

The guests were evidently impressed by the facilities of the shipyard and were able to note that in Kiel the unique German engineering and craftsmanship is being continued on the highest level.

The visit – headed by Mr. Kurt-Christoph von Knobelsdorff, Deputy State Secretary in the Ministry of Economics of Schleswig Holstein – rounded off with the obligatory entry in the shipyard’s guest book in the “Sky Lounge”. About 100 m above the shipyard this conference room, situated on the 900 t gantry crane, offers the best view over the regional capital, the shipyard as well as the new vessels at the piers.

## **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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