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Naval Group chooses NEDS to strengthen relationship with Dutch partners

Cooperation with Dutch knowledge institutes and maritime industry continues with Letter of Intent (LOI) with Marin, an agreement between partners Thales and Optics11, and a cooperation contract with the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA) for the integration of the countermeasure solution CANTO on Royal Netherlands Navy vessels.

Today, NEDS 2024 took place in Rotterdam. On this occasion, Naval Group accelerates the development of its partnerships with partners from the Netherlands DTIB with three more signatures, two weeks after the signature at Euronaval of contracts with Verebus and Van Halteren Technologies. In the frame of the Industrial Cooperation Agreement (ICA) reached in September this year, a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Marin and an agreement between Thales and Optics11 show a new step in the production of the submarines for the Royal Navy and Naval Group's cooperation with Dutch knowledge institutes and industry. In parallel with the RNSC program, a cooperation contract has also been signed for the acquisition of countermeasure systems CANTO for Royal Netherlands Navy vessels.

Pierre Éric Pommellet, Naval Group Chairman and CEO: "Our cooperation with the Dutch industry has existed for 30 years, and is still going stronger today. After the previous contract signatures during the Euronaval exhibition in Paris, we are taking another step in our commitment to fulfill the agreements made with our Dutch partners. We are therefore extremely pleased with the current collaborations and hope to continue them further."

The signing of the Letter of Intent with **Marin**, a world-recognized top maritime research institute, enables the institute to use its software, test facilities, simulators and full-size measurements to further improve submarines. An agreement was also signed between Thales and **Optics11** for a towed linear antenna feasibility study. As the world leader in optical detection technology for ultra-sensitive early warning systems, Optics11 will provide the Orka-class submarines with advanced systems and components.

With these two signatures, Optics11 and Marin are concretely involved in the RNSC program, in high-added value domains. These are a step towards the first major review planned at the beginning of 2025 when the design of the submarine will be completed.

Pepijn de Jong, manager defence from Marin: "MARIN is delighted to be signing this LoI, as it means we can support Naval Group for the Royal Netherlands Navy submarine replacement program with our extensive technical expertise on naval hydrodynamics and maritime operations. We will

be working with Naval Group to help ensuring that the Netherlands gets the best possible submarines."

Paul Heiden, CEO of Optics11: "Optics11's cutting-edge technology and expertise in high-tech solutions are crucial for the success of the Orka program. This partnership not only strengthens our position in the defense sector but also underscores the importance of Dutch high-tech companies in contributing to the national economy."

In parallel, the signature of the cooperation contract on the CANTO systems is an example of Naval Group's commitment to the Dutch DTIB beyond the RNSC program.

Earlier this month, Naval Group already signed contracts with Verebus and Van Halteren Technologies during Euronaval in Paris. The collaboration with Verebus focuses on Integrated Logistic Support Technical Documentation to S1000D specification, for the CANTO program for the Royal Navy. With Van Halteren Technologies, the focus of the collaboration is on a preliminary study for hydraulic power units for Orka-class submarines.

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