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DCNS welcomes the South Australian Premier to Cherbourg

DCNS has welcomed Jay Weatherill, the Premier of South Australia, to the company's facilities in Cherbourg, France.

Premier Jay Weatherill was provided with a tour of the shipyard, which included a visit to the hall where the *Suffren*, the first submarine of the Barracuda programme for the French Navy, is currently being constructed.

Cherbourg is the industrial base for DCNS and the heart of the company's submarine capability. 107 submarines have been constructed there since the late 19th century.

Currently, four Barracuda SSNs are under construction in the shipyard. The *Suffren* is due to be delivered to the French Navy at the end of 2017.

On 26th April, the Australian Government announced it had selected DCNS as its preferred international partner for the design of 12 future submarines for the Royal Australian Navy.

DCNS's solution for Australia is the Shortfin Barracuda, the world's most advanced conventionally powered submarine, developed with state-of-the art technology from its larger cousin, the Barracuda.

Subject to discussions on commercial matters, the design of Australia's Future Submarine with DCNS will begin this year.

About DCNS

DCNS is the European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energy. The Group's success as an advanced technology company with global reach is built on meeting customer needs by deploying exceptional know-how, unique industrial resources and an ability to develop innovative strategic partnerships. DCNS designs and builds submarines and surface combatants, develops associated systems and infrastructure, and offers a full range of services to naval bases and shipyards. The Group has also expanded its focus into marine renewable energy. Aware of its corporate social responsibilities, DCNS is a member of the United Nations Global Compact. The DCNS Group generates annual revenues of €3.04 billion and employs 12,953 people (2015 data).

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