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## Naval Group officially opens Australian office and announces commencement of master planning studies for Future Submarine shipyard

Naval Group has marked the official opening of its new Australian headquarters with the commencement of master planning studies to inform the design and build of the Future Submarine Construction yard in Adelaide.

The new Naval Group office at Richmond Road in Keswick, Adelaide was officially opened by The Hon. Minister Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Defence Industry and Herve Guillou, Global Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Naval Group.

During the opening ceremony, Naval Group announced they have engaged Coffey Services Australia, Alexander Symonds and Precision Hydrographic Services to commence survey work in preparation for the design and build of the Future Submarine Construction yard in Adelaide.

Mr Herve Guillou, Global Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Naval Group heralded the opening and the commencement of survey work as another milestone achievement in Australia's Future Submarine Program.

"To inform the design of the construction yard in Adelaide, where Australia's fleet of regionally superior Future Submarines will be built, we will be commencing comprehensive survey work in the Osborne precinct," said Mr Guillou.

"We look forward to working with the Australian companies who will provide us with these services," Mr Guillou added.

Mr Guillou said opening of the new office was a demonstration of the firm's commitment to delivering Australia 12 regionally superior submarines, by bringing international experience and technology together with local capabilities, to upskill Australian industry and help Australia become a sovereign submarine nation.

Naval Group's Adelaide headquarters is currently home to 40 staff, a mix of French and Australians, who are working on the early phases of the Future Submarine Program including submarine design, supplier engagement and infrastructure planning for the new submarine shipyard.

### **Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd**

Coffey Services Australia has been engaged to undertake the below ground survey works. This includes bore holes and analysis of river and groundwater to determine ground composition which will inform the civil and structural design requirements for the build, test and integration facilities.

"Coffey is extremely pleased to be working with Naval Group on this program, which supports the growth of the shipbuilding industry in South Australia," said Urs Meyerhans, Chief Executive Officer, Coffey A Tetra Tech Company.

“Our team brings the expertise, the historic site knowledge, needed to navigate the changing ground conditions and provide the confidence required to deliver a successful project,” Mr Meyerhans said.

#### **Alexander Symonds Pty Ltd**

Alexander Symonds Pty Ltd has been engaged to undertake the above ground survey works. This work will include survey of any existing features such as equipment, industrial and utility buildings, steel structures, roads and roadside furniture, electrical panels, overhead power line features, and fire monitors which will inform the design of the Future Submarine construction yard.

“Alexander Symonds is excited to work with Naval Group and be a part of this world class project, which is providing fantastic new employment opportunities and a real boost to the local economy,” said Glenn Hordacre, Managing Director of Alexander Symonds.

#### **Precision Hydrographic Services**

Precision Hydrographic Services Pty Ltd has been engaged to undertake the in-river survey works which will gather detailed information of the seabed to inform detailed engineering of the port infrastructure and dredging requirements.

“This is a significant project in South Australia and PHS is proud to be contributing to the Future Submarine Program and collaborating closely with Naval Group, which forms a significant boost to PHS’s work within South Australia,” said Neil Hewitt, Managing Director, Precision Hydrographic Services.

#### **About Naval Group**

Naval Group is a European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energies. As an international high-tech company, Naval Group uses its extraordinary know-how, unique industrial resources and capacity to arrange innovative strategic partnerships to meet its clients' requirements. The Group designs, builds and supports submarines and surface ships. It also supplies services to shipyards and naval bases. In addition, the Group offers a wide range of marine renewable energy solutions. Attentive to corporate social responsibility, Naval Group adheres to the United Nations Global Compact. The Group reports revenues of €3.2 billion and has a workforce of 12,800 employees (2016 data).

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