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DCNS and Pipavav team up to address India's naval needs

DCNS and Pipavav Defence and Offshore Engineering Company Limited ("Pipavav") have decided to establish a strategic partnership for bringing DCNS technologies, methods and skills into Pipavav, India's first and largest integrated defence company. The focus of the teaming is to build the highest state of the art strategic assets including modern warships for the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.

Speaking on the partnership, Patrick Boissier, DCNS Chairman and CEO stated: *"Through the P75 Scorpene submarines, the on-going indigenization programme and DCNS India, we are working to enlarge our footprint in India. This strategic partnership with Pipavav again demonstrates DCNS' confidence in the growing capabilities and long term development of the Indian Defence industries".*

Nikhil Gandhi, Pipavav Chairman declared *"DCNS is well known for its high tech and very efficient platforms such as Scorpene submarines, Mistral-Class LPDs, FREMM frigates and innovative Gowind vessels (Corvettes and Offshore Patrol Vessels) among others. DCNS and Pipavav are to provide India with advanced expertise on naval ships. The synergies between India's largest integrated shipyard and the proficiency of the largest European naval defence company will allow cost effective and timely manufacturing of high class vessels for the benefit of all Customers".*

Pierre Legros, DCNS Head of the Surface Ships division concluded *"DCNS's pledge is to become a key technology and Know-How Provider (KHP) to Pipavav. Our objective is to propose modern manufacturing processes together with state of the art platforms. DCNS is committed to transfer the technologies needed to support India's National security needs".*

The partnership is expected to boost India's drive for self-reliance in the field of defence manufacturing and to create a large number of local jobs. It will further strengthen the solid Indo-French strategic relationship in the defence sector.

About Pipavav

Pipavav Defence and Offshore Engineering Company Limited ("Pipavav") is a leading company in the Indian Defence Sector. It is involved in the business of naval shipbuilding, repair & dry-docking and has the capability to build all types of assets required by the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. Pipavav is expanding its footprint in the Defence Weapon Systems manufacturing field with regard to Land & Air Based Weapon Systems and Sub-systems. Pipavav has pioneered public-private partnership in the Indian naval sector. Pipavav was recently chosen by Defence PSU Mazagon Dock Limited to form a Joint Venture to build warships for the Indian Navy. Pipavav is ISO certified and has achieved the following standards - ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007. The yard's achievements include construction of 74,500 dwt Panamax Dry Bulk Carriers, which are the largest dry bulk carriers of their class ever built in India.

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About DCNS

DCNS is a world leader in naval defence and an innovative player in energy. The Group's success as an advanced technology company with global reach is built on meeting customer needs by deploying exceptional



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know-how and unique industrial resources. DCNS designs, builds and supports surface combatants, submarines and mission-critical systems and equipment incorporating the most advanced technologies. It also proposes services for naval shipyards and bases. Last but not least, DCNS offers a range of solutions in civil nuclear engineering and marine renewable energy. DCNS is committed to sustainable development and was one of the first defence contractors to achieve Group-wide certification to ISO 14001. In recognition of the success achieved by its Filières du Talent knowledge sharing programme, DCNS was awarded the Trophée National de l'Entreprise Citoyenne (national award for corporate citizenship) under the patronage of the French Senate. The Group employs 12,800 people and generates annual revenues of around €2.6 billion.
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