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Press Release

DCNS at PACIFIC 2010, Sydney (Australia)

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DCNS will exhibit at PACIFIC 2010 which will be held in Sydney (Australia) from 27 to 29 January 2010.

DCNS is a major player on the European and world markets for value-added naval defence systems. As a naval prime contractor, shipbuilder and systems integrator, DCNS combines resources and expertise spanning the naval defence value chain and entire system lifecycles. DCNS delivers innovative solutions from integrated warships to systems, equipment and services.

The DCNS stand showcases:

- Designed for deep sea and worldwide operations, either joint or autonomous, the Barracuda is vital to France's continuing sovereignty. A 4,700-tonne nuclear attack submarine (SSN) capable of massive deep strike operations, the Barracuda is also a sea control vessel capable of securing France's vital supply of energy as well as deploying coalition forces. Highly versatile Barracuda SSNs will be assigned strategic defence missions such as protecting SSBNs and aircraft carriers. As attack submarines, they will also be able to carry out sea denial missions. Overall, these new-generation capital ships will give France a highly strategic asset for ensuring its sovereignty and defence.
- Its expertise in submarine design and construction, through the Scorpene medium-size submarines. Already chosen by first rank navies, the Scorpene submarine represents the state of the art in submarine design and construction and benefits from the latest technologies developed for nuclear-powered classes operated by the French Navy, particularly as regards acoustic discretion and combat system performance. Excellent endurance makes the Scorpene one of the few medium-displacement designs suitable for extended ocean patrol duties. The modular design can also be readily tailored to each customer's specific mission profile and other requirements.
- The FREMM multi-mission frigate programme combines the latest technologies developed by the DCNS group. These technological and engineering advances will make the FREMM frigates world leaders in their class. France and Italy have already ordered a first batch and Morocco has chosen this frigate to equip its Royal Navy. DCNS has just signed an additional order for three new vessels under the European FREMM multi-mission frigate programme. This brings France's total order to 11 vessels, scheduled for delivery from 2012 to 2022. The first of them, « Aquitaine », will be delivered in 2012.

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- The FM 400 is a stealth frigate designed and built to naval standards. It meets naval requirements regarding signatures (radar, infrared, acoustic, magnetic) and survivability (shock resistance, capacity to withstand underwater explosions and other military threats). The FM 400 features the DCNS-designed integrated mast offering 360° coverage for all sensors while the 360° visibility offered by the bridge and its integrated wings are ideal when facing asymmetric threats. The FM 400 also benefits from DCNS's latest generation combat management system which is both modular and easily configured. The multi-role FM 400 is equipped with a medium-calibre gun, remotely controlled machine guns for close-in defence, anti-ship missiles and vertically launched anti-air missiles. Specialised variants are also proposed with enhanced capabilities in one specialized warfare domain (Anti-submarine, Land attack or Anti-air warfare)

About DCNS

DCNS is a leading European player on the world market for naval defence systems. The Group designs, builds and supports surface ships, submarines and mission-critical systems and equipment incorporating the most advanced technologies. Drawing on its dedicated teams, proven expertise and extensive industrial resources, DCNS is also expanding into new markets in civil nuclear energy, marine renewable energy and naval and industrial services. DCNS is committed to sustainable development and was one of the first defence contractors to achieve Group-wide certification to ISO 14001. The DCNS Group employs 12,000 staff and generates annual revenues of around €2.5 billion.