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JSK COMPLETES FIRST MANUFACTURING CONTRACT FOR ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

JSK Naval Support, the joint venture between Canada's Kaycom Inc., a trusted provider for the Canadian Government, and the UK's Cohort plc company SEA, has completed its first manufacturing contract for Canada's Department of National Defense with the supply of 66 battery packs to power emergency underwater telephones.

The telephones are fitted in the Royal Canadian Navy's Victoria Class submarines, which previously served as the UK Royal Navy's Upholder Class.

They are part of Sonar 2073 which is fitted to all UK Royal Navy's submarines and are used if a boat's supply fails or is initially unavailable in the case of an emergency. The system is a combined Emergency Underwater Telephone (EUWT) and Submarine Locator Acoustic Beacon (SLAB) that enables survivors from a distressed submarine to indicate their position to searching forces by sound signals and helps them to establish and maintain voice communication with both surface and sub-surface units.

Normally, submarine communication links with divers or rescue craft operate off boats' 115V supply but battery packs are fitted adjacent to escape hatches as back-up if the supply fails. They can also assist sub-surface units in homing in to physical contact with a disabled submarine under conditions of very low visibility.

SEA has been the UK Royal Navy's Design Authority for Sonar 2073 for some 15 years and has used its experience to transfer the technology to JSK, which won the competitive Victoria Class contract from Canada's Public Works and Government Services organisation. The programme was completed at JSK's headquarters in Point-Claire, Quebec.

JSK VP Operations Neil Herbert explained: "This manufacturing contract builds on our established work as a support organization for the RCN and, through the transfer of IP and technology from SEA, underlined the strengths that SEA and Kaycom bring to JSK.

“We are also committed to further developing customer in-country manufacturing expertise and support that will enable JSK to provide valuable Canadian content value into the RCN’s programme for a new surface combatant.”

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Notes to Editors:

Cohort plc is an independent technology company and the parent company of four innovative, agile and responsive businesses, EID, MASS, MCL and SEA, providing a wide range of services and products for UK, Portugal and international customers in defence, security and related markets.

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SEA was acquired by Cohort plc in 2007 and today is a major supplier of applied research, technology development, systems integration, specialist electronic systems, engineering and software design services to the defence and security markets. Its engineering and project management skills include naval communications systems, maritime combat systems, through-life support, dismantled soldier systems, subsea engineering and traffic enforcement. Complementing its work for the UK Ministry of Defence, SEA is growing its business overseas and extending its expertise into adjacent markets, including offshore, railways and roads.

SEA employs circa 340 high-calibre staff and has offices in the UK at Beckington, Bristol, Barnstaple and Aberdeen.

www.sea.co.uk

JSK Naval Support Inc. provides Canadian-made solutions that deliver reliable in-service support, innovative products and engineering services to the Royal Canadian Navy. Headquartered in Pointe Claire, Quebec, JSK Naval Support is dedicated to assisting the Royal Canadian Navy to optimize its existing and future fleet requirements, conducting manufacturing and support for key systems in-country and creating new hi-tech Canadian jobs.

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