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NAMING CEREMONY FOR NEW JAMES FISHER SUBMARINE

James Fisher Defence has built a rescue submarine for the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in a record 22 months.

To mark the naming of the Scottish-built rescue submarine on 17 December, representatives of the Singaporean Navy will come to Fairlie, on the beautiful Clyde Estuary, on the west coast of Scotland.

In March 2007 James Fisher Defence was selected as part of a joint venture with ST Marine of Singapore, to deliver a comprehensive submarine rescue service to the RSN. A key part of the contract is the design and construction of the rescue submarine which comes to fruition on 17 December when, in a special ceremony in Fairlie, the rescue submersible will be named. The guest of honour will be Jeannie Tan, wife of the Chief of Staff of the Republic of Singapore Navy.

The day will commence with the Naming Ceremony at Fairlie where speeches will be delivered by Simon Harris, Managing Director of James Fisher Defence, Reverend Andrew Maclean, and Jeannie Tan, the Lady Sponsor. This will be followed by a champagne, mulled wine and hot chocolate reception before a celebratory traditional Scottish lunch at which there will be further speeches by Tim Harris, Chairman of James Fisher and Sons plc and Rear Admiral Tan.

This is a very important day for James Fisher. The naming ceremony follows three months after a similar ceremony for a rescue submarine for the Republic of Korea Navy. It highlights the strengthening international relationships that the company enjoys and marks the end of nearly two years work from the James Fisher team.

James Fisher Defence has an outstanding history of submarine rescue. In 2005 the rescue crew was called out to provide submarine rescue services to seven Russian submariners off the far eastern coast of Russia. They drew on support from the RAF, the US Navy and local Russians to fly the team and its specialist equipment from its Renfrew base, transport it to a waiting ship, secure it to the vessel and reach the

offshore location within 36 hours – a remarkable feat. It took five hours to cut the discarded fishing nets which had trapped the mini-sub at a depth of 625ft. This was achieved amidst estimates that the Russian submariners had less than ten hours of air left.

Members of the James Fisher submarine rescue team know that at any time of day or night they might receive a call asking them to put their lives on hold to rescue submariners in distress. The team has played a key role in the development of the UK's world-leading submarine rescue capability and is now delivering products and services to seven navies worldwide to ensure the safety of their submariners.

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