



## Press Release

### Submarine building programme for South Africa brought to a successful conclusion South African Navy Takes Command of SAS Queen Modjadji

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The South African Navy has taken command of the “SAS Queen Modjadji”, the third and last of three Class 209/1400mod submarines. Delivery of the three submarines was part of a large-scale programme to modernise the South African Navy. The boat was handed over after successful completion of all necessary sea trials at Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft GmbH (HDW) in Kiel, a company of ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.

The “SAS Queen Modjadji” is expected to leave for South Africa on 02.04.2008, where she is due to arrive on 22.05.2008. The official commissioning ceremony will then take place at a later date, still to be defined, after the submarine has arrived in her new home port of Simon’s Town in South Africa. There the submarine will be united with her two sister ships, “SAS ’Manthatisi” and “SAS Charlotte Maxeke”, which have already been successfully performing in the service of the South African Navy since September 2005 and November 2006 respectively.

The delivery of the “SAS Queen Modjadji” marks the end of another successful submarine project for the shipbuilders of HDW and Nordseewerke GmbH (Emden), both companies within ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems. The three submarines for the South African Navy represent the most modern version of the diesel-electric propelled Class 209/1400mod, which has been successfully built for export for many years by a German consortium.

#### Technical Data:

Length over all:	approx. 62 m
Diameter:	approx. 6.2 m
Displacement:	approx 1,450 t
Crew:	35 persons



## ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems / HDW

*ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems, located in Hamburg / Germany is part of ThyssenKrupp groups' ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG. Since the merger in 2005, eight European shipyards – Blohm + Voss, Blohm + Voss Repair, HDW-Gaarden, Hellenic Shipyards, Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft (HDW), Kockums, Nobiskrug and Nordseewerke – as well as several marine technologies companies are combined in one company. ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems is one of the leading systems provider in European shipbuilding with about 8,700 employees, a wide portfolio, great technological competence and continuous innovations in shipbuilding.*

*HDW is the competence centre for the development and the building of submarines within the network. The company is world market leader in building non-nuclear submarines.*

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