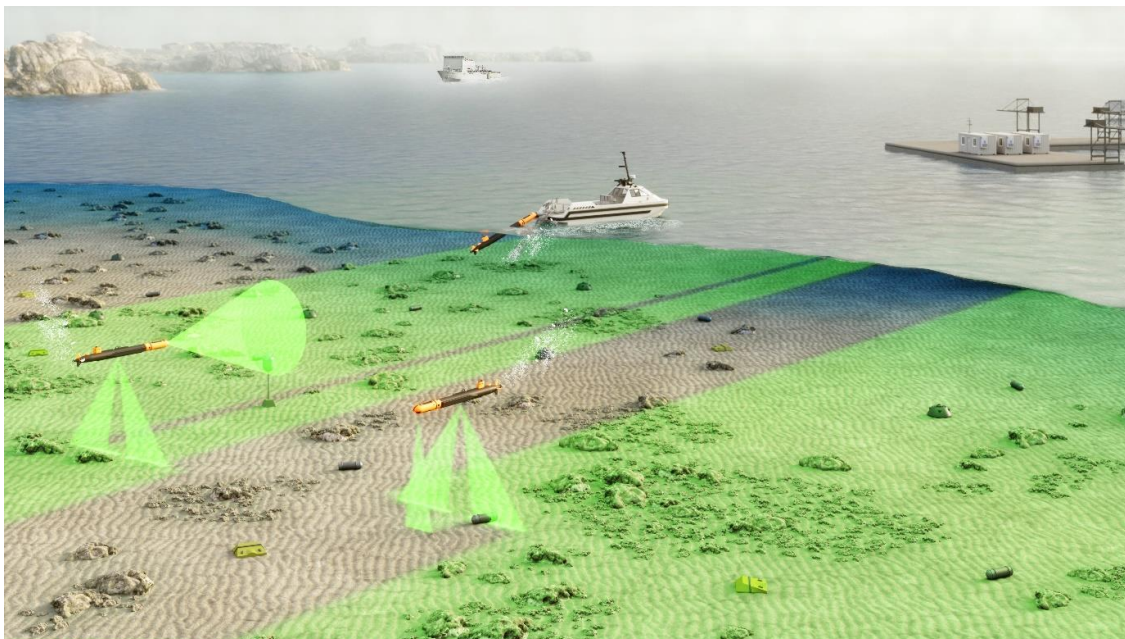


## **ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK AWARDED CONTRACT TO DELIVER MINEHUNTING AUTONOMOUS UNDERWATER VEHICLES TO THE ROYAL NAVY**

ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK (AEUK) has been contracted by DE&S's Mine Hunting Capability (MHC) Team to supply Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) Systems for the UK Royal Navy (RN).

The £32m contract, includes delivery of 3 MHC AUV Systems comprising 9 vehicles in total along with a comprehensive training and support package to run for 3 years from delivery.

Minister for Defence Procurement, Jeremy Quin, said: "This innovative technology is a huge leap forward for the Royal Navy and will be crucial to protecting the security and safety of our personnel. Supporting wider British industry, it also reinforces our focus on ensuring the UK remains at the forefront of tackling defence threats."



***AEUK's MHC AUV System combines SeaCat AUV, fitted with the latest high resolution Vision Synthetic Aperture Sonar***

Wesley Galliver, Head of Surface Ship Systems said “We are very proud the advanced mine countermeasures technology that AEUK has invested in over the years is now being provided to the RN for their flagship Mine Counter Measures (MCM) operational evaluation programme. MCM is at the heart of our business and AEUK are delighted to enhance the RN’s autonomous systems capability.”

The MHC AUV System combines the ATLAS ELEKTRONIK GmbH medium-sized SeaCat® AUV, fitted with the latest AEUK high resolution Vision Synthetic Aperture Sonar (SAS) and the Seebyte Neptune and Military software for advanced planning and analysis. AEUK have worked with Lidan Marine to develop a remote AUV handling system for the MHC AUV project, providing a Launch and Recovery System (LARS) suitable for operation from platforms such as the RN’s ARCIMS USVs and SEA Class workboats.

This delivery to the MHC team will see AEUK providing another MCM toolbox element, alongside the in-service ARCIMS uncrewed surface vessels (USVs), with their advanced minesweeping payloads and towed minehunting sonars, enabled by AEUK’s Unmanned Vehicle (UxV) Autonomy software and sensors.

#### About ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK

ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK (AEUK) provides innovation for underwater systems for the RN. Operating from its Headquarters at Winfrith in Dorset, AEUK has invested in its unique in-house test and integration facilities in order to support its growth in supply to UK and global markets of submarine and ship systems, including sonar, autonomous systems, marine electric actuation and mine counter-measures. AEUK has waterside access in Portland Harbour that provides AEUK and its partners with excellent facilities to test systems at sea, particularly those from its Autonomy portfolio. AEUK is a leading innovative maritime systems company operating throughout all phases of the acquisition and engineering lifecycles, from Concept to In-service Support. With over 500 employees, AEUK is the largest subsidiary in the ATLAS ELEKTRONIK Group. ATLAS ELEKTRONIK Group is part of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems.

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With around 6,500 employees, thyssenkrupp Marine Systems is one of the world's leading marine companies and a systems provider in submarine and surface shipbuilding as well as maritime electronics and security technology. Over 180 years of history and the constant pursuit of improvements are the basis for the company's success in constantly setting new standards. thyssenkrupp Marine Systems offers customized solutions for highly complex challenges in a changing world. The driving forces behind this are the employees of the company, who shape the future of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems with passion and commitment every day.

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