

Media release

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UK AND AUSTRALIAN NAVAL DEFENCE PROJECTS ANNOUNCED BY FRAZER-NASH

Frazer-Nash UK

Frazer-Nash announced it is to continue to lead a team of five companies to support the delivery of new Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker ships as part of the Ministry of Defence's Military Afloat Reach and Sustainability (MARS) programme.

The new MARS Tankers are part of a multi-billion pound investment program for the Royal Navy, which includes Type 45 destroyers, Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers and Astute Class attack submarines, employing thousands of people in the UK.

The Ministry of Defence has a requirement for four new 200 metre tanker ships that can efficiently replenish and sustain the Royal Navy, and the planning assumption for service entry for the first of these vessels is mid-2016.

Since 2011 Frazer-Nash has provided the Ministry of Defence under the Afloat Support Shipping Engineering Technical Services (ASSETS) contract with a range of specialist services to assist the MARS project team.

During the design and build phases of the project, Frazer-Nash will provide specialist support to help ensure the design fully meets the contract specifications. Specialist support includes environmental, safety, supportability and analysis of potential engineering design issues.

Paul Havron, ASSETS Programme Manager and Surface Ships Business Manager at Frazer-Nash said, "Throughout our involvement with MARS we have been able to call on expertise from within Frazer-Nash, our wider ASSETS team or when required from other specialist consultancies from around the world."

Frazer-Nash Australia

Meanwhile Frazer-Nash Australia recently won a similar contract to provide LHD Engineering Technical Services to LHD Project JP2048 Phase 4A/B. The project will provide the Australian Defence Force with two Landing Helicopter Dock ships (LHDs) which can embark, transport and deploy military forces along with their equipment and supporting aviation.

The LHDs, to be known as HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide when commissioned, are the largest Royal Australian Navy (RAN) warships ever built and will replace HMAS Tobruk and a Kanimbla-class vessel.

Frazer-Nash will draw on their extensive experience gained from the ASSETS UK project to assist in the delivery of 'Canberra' by early 2014 and 'Adelaide' by late 2015. Frazer-Nash will be responsible for the review of Logistic, Verification and Validation documentation provided by the build contractor (BAE Systems).

The team is led by Canberra based Tony Penny - Principal Consultant at Frazer-Nash - and supported by a team of experienced Engineers in Melbourne and Adelaide. Mr Penny is well qualified for the job following his previous positions with RAN and BAE Systems.

Phil Harris, Manager of Frazer-Nash Australia, said "We are pleased to be working on this project and we are determined to deliver quality benefits and outcomes by working closely with the DMO. We will be drawing on our extensive expertise and skills from both our Australian and UK teams. To succeed with a project such as this we will use robust processes for delivery and governance. Our team members take pride in their integrity, independence and impartiality."

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