OSI to Upgrade WECDIS Navigation Suites of Netherlands and Belgian Navy M-frigates

December 16, 2020 - OSI Maritime Systems (OSI) is pleased to announce it has been contracted to upgrade the Navigation Suites on board of the M-frigates used by the Royal Netherlands Navy (RNLN) and Belgian Navy (BN).

Both Belgian Navy M-class frigates, and one RNLN M-class frigate will be upgraded, and a fourth set will be installed at the LBTS. Each shipset will include seamless system integration of two new navigation radars, networking and data distribution units, multi-function workstations processors and ECPINS, OSI's leading WECDIS with enhanced navigation and tactical capabilities.

"Our work with both navies extends over 10 years," stated Ken Kirkpatrick, President & CEO, OSI Maritime Systems. "It's been a relationship in which they have not only been customers but also partners in how we design our solutions - we believe that it is our responsiveness to customer feedback that defines many of the improvements and advancements to our technology, making it some of the best in the industry."

ECPINS is the only WECDIS fully compliant to and independently certified against WECDIS STANAG 4564. Sensor agnostic, ECPINS offers flexible system integration and architecture in both retrofits and new builds while delivering optimal tactical performance.

On completion, the frigates will be fully compliant with IMO Radar and Navigations standards and will allow paperless navigation.

In discussing the new project, Jim Davison, Vice President, Business Development commented on the pride OSI has in being the Belgian Navy and Royal Netherlands Navy preferred WECDIS provider, "ECPINS is the tactical navigation used on board its frigates, LPD, submarines, training vessel, submarine support vessel, Operational school and Naval academy."

The first frigate, BNS Louise-Marie, will be upgraded in 2021.

Photo: *Congratulating OSI with the contract award for upgrading the Navigation Suite of the Belgian Navy and RNLN M-frigates, Director of the RNLN Maintenance facility, (DMI), Commodore Jan Willem Hartman (right) "shakes hands" with Frank Koudijs, Key Account Manager, Western Europe, OSI. In the background, multiple RNLN assets and also two Portuguese M-frigates fitted with OSI ECPINS WECDIS.*

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About OSI

OSI Maritime Systems, has been providing advanced integrated navigation and tactical solutions to military customers for over 20 years. As a pioneer of Warship Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (WECDIS), the company has grown to be a leading provider of integrated navigation and tactical solutions designed for naval and maritime security operations. The company develops and delivers integrated bridge systems for warships, integrated dived navigation systems for submarines, and C2 systems for small craft. OSI currently has 23 naval customers from around the world with more than 600 warships and submarines operating with its world leading integrated navigation and tactical solutions.

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