PRESS RELEASE

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Budget Committee Gives the Green Light for Four More MEKO® A-200 DEU Frigates

- The Budget Committee approves the procurement of four additional MEKO® A-200 DEU-class frigates.
- Follow-on procurement secures continuation of ongoing series production.
- TKMS continues to build on existing supply chains and involvement of the wider German maritime industry.

Kiel, October 8, 2026 – TKMS welcomes today's decision by the German Bundestag's Budget Committee to procure four additional MEKO® A-200 DEU frigates.

"The Budget Committee's decision is a strong sign of confidence in us. We made early investments in the MEKO® A-200 DEU and, together with our partners, laid the groundwork for rapid series production. Now we can swiftly continue series production and thereby make an important contribution to closing as quickly as possible an impending capability gap in the German Navy," says Oliver Burkhard, CEO of TKMS.

With the four frigates already on order, the program has entered the implementation phase. This is the largest surface vessel contract in TKMS's history. The first frigate will be delivered to the German Navy at the end of 2029, as planned. According to current plans, the remaining units will follow in rapid succession.

The approval of the contractually agreed option and the associated expansion to a total of eight MEKO® A-200 DEU-class frigates also lay the groundwork for long-term, sustainable series production at German shipyards. The resulting planning certainty enables the industry to reliably align capacities and supply chains with long-term demand, thereby ensuring that the delivery deadlines required by the German Navy are met. The four additional frigates can build directly on the established structures, processes, and supply chains of the ongoing program. This allows production to continue without fundamental changes and ensures its long-term sustainability.

TKMS is also counting on broad participation from the German maritime industry for the follow-on procurement. At the same time, the company continues to examine how capacities at shipyards and supplier companies that have become available due to the end of the F126 program can be meaningfully integrated and in accordance with the client's contractual requirements.

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Reliable fulfillment of the commitments made to the public contracting authority remains paramount in this regard.

About TKMS

TKMS is one of the world's leading naval companies with more than 10,200 employees (including temporary workers) at three shipyards in Kiel, Wismar and Itajaí (Brazil), and with locations worldwide. The company is active as a systems supplier for submarines and naval surface vessels as well as for maritime electronics and security technologies. Around 3,900 employees work at the Kiel site, making it the largest shipyard location in Germany. 185 years of history and the constant striving for improvement allow the company to set new standards time and time again. TKMS offers its customers worldwide tailored solutions to meet the highly complex challenges of a changing world. The driving forces behind this innovative energy are the company's employees, who shape the future of TKMS with passion and commitment every day.

More information at: www.tkmsgroup.com

Please note: The company "thyssenkrupp Marine Systems" has not existed since June 2025. The company underwent a global legal name change and is officially listed on the stock exchange as "TKMS AG & Co. KGaA." The operating company is called "TKMS GmbH."

"TKMS" is neither an acronym nor a brand name, but rather the official company name. As of June 2025, all other designations are considered incorrect—both legally and in journalistic contexts.

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