
The Indian Navy and HENSOLDT inaugurate a Periscope Repair Facility

Mumbai, India, 16 October 2018 – The Indian Navy and HENSOLDT took a new Periscope Repair Facility at Naval Dockyard Mumbai, India into commission. Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Naval Command inaugurated the facility at the official opening ceremony. The facility was contracted by the Indian Ministry of Defence to increase the operational availability of the Indian SSK submarines.

With state-of-the-art Reference Test Units, an Electronic Workshop and a Pressure Test Unit amongst other special equipment, the facility will augment the Indian Navy's capability to undertake indigenous repairs of the periscopes fitted on board their submarines.

“When a product requires service and repair, a lot of time is lost during the transportation between the Indian Navy and the OEM. Now the maintenance work can be done locally, which will speed up the process and enhance the operational readiness of the Indian fleet”, said Klaus Rettenmaier, Director Product Line Naval at HENSOLDT Optronics.

The establishment of the periscope workshop and the training of maintenance technicians from the Indian Navy are a continuation of the core business of the Optronics business line of HENSOLDT. Based on the enormous success in the field of periscopes and optronic mast systems in past years, this is a first step in India in establishing a service capability for future naval opportunities. In the implementation, HENSOLDT partnered with local Tata Consultancy Services and H&H Precision Pvt Ltd.

Overall, there is a trend in submarine markets for local maintenance authorities to strengthen the operational availability of the systems. HENSOLDT has previously established periscope workshops for several other countries.

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Insights into HENSOLDT's periscope workshop in Oberkochen. This is where the periscopes and optronic masts manufactured by HENSOLDT are commissioned and serviced. This facility is the basis for the periscope workshops that the company has already set up in several countries worldwide.

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