

Major order of € 800 million for TKMS: Comprehensive modernization of six Type 212A submarines for the German Navy

- Modernization of submarines to ensure technological superiority in national and alliance defense
- Contract spans a total volume of more than € 800 million and a term of ten years
- TKMS as a reliable partner of the German Navy

TKMS has signed one of the largest service contracts in the company's history with the Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw). The official signing of the contract took place today in Koblenz. As prime contractor, TKMS will provide comprehensive modernization and support services for the six German Type 212A submarines. The order spans a total volume of more than € 800 million and will have a term of ten years.

The contract provides for the modernization of core systems on board the boats, in particular the navigation system and the command and weapons control system on the four older boats of the first batch. The objective is to secure the technological superiority of the German submarine fleet over the long term, in order to meet future challenges in national and alliance defense in a targeted manner.

The HDW Fuel Cell System coupled to a PERMASYN® motor enables long submerged operational periods and low indiscretion rates. Furthermore, the double-deck HDW Class 212A design excels with high availability quotas and the 2-crew manning concept. Providing superb capabilities to conduct independent long-term missions in deep seas as well as in extremely shallow waters, these boats are ideally suited for undetected reconnaissance and surveillance, also in areas where it is not possible or not desirable to employ other naval forces.

"This important service contract also strengthens our established and trusting cooperation with the German Navy in the area of maintenance," emphasizes Oliver Burkhard, CEO of TKMS. "As a maritime powerhouse, we will utilize the full range of services offered by TKMS and contribute to the high operational availability and performance of the German submarine fleet with our many years of expertise."

TKMS is a key industrial partner at the side of the German Navy. In the field of logistic support, the company offers a comprehensive range of services, from maintenance and repair to modernization and product-specific material logistics, thus making an important and long-term contribution to the technical readiness of the German submarine fleet. As a prime contractor in submarine construction, TKMS bundles the innovative strength of numerous small and medium-sized companies and thus also makes a significant contribution to industrial value creation in Germany.

TKMS is one of the world's leading suppliers of conventional submarines. The latest orders in the underwater sector include four more 212CD submarines for Germany and two more 218SG submarines for Singapore. As of May 2025, TKMS order backlog stood at a record level of € 18 billion and will ensure production capacity utilization and employment well into the 2040s. The service contract that has now been concluded also contributes to the further increase in the order book and prolongs the generally positive market situation.

