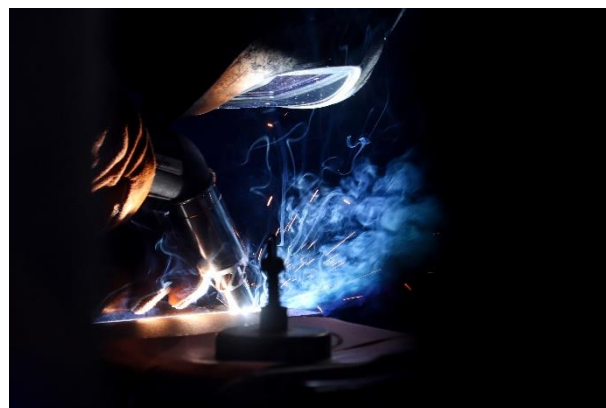## Dual Milestones for thyssenkrupp Marine Systems: Launching of 'INS DRAKON' and the start of production of the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine for the Israel Defense Forces

© Production start of the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine for the Israel Defense

- The launching of 'INS DRAKON', the 3rd submarine of the HDW Class Dolphin AIP submarines for the Israeli Navy, and the start of production of the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine at thyssenkrupp Marine Systems in Kiel, mark key milestones in project development
- Guests from Germany and Israel attended the ceremony
- Final submarine of the current tailor-made design order

A ceremonial event took place on November 12, 2024 in Kiel, at thyssenkrupp Marine Systems marking two significant milestones: the launching of the 'INS DRAKON' submarine and the start of production of the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine. The event is another important step in the successful collaboration between thyssenkrupp Marine Systems and the Israeli Defense Forces.

Oliver Burkhard, CEO of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, emphasized the significance of the event: "With Israel, we share a long-standing partnership built on trust and mutual respect. The launching of 'INS DRAKON' and the start of production for the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine are major milestones that underscore our commitment to delivering submarines that set new technical standards globally.

As a 'Maritime Powerhouse' we bring together our full spectrum of capabilities – from electronics, to design, to platform integration. The start of production for this submarine marks a new chapter in our collaboration, strengthening our partnership with Israel and further proving the world-class expertise of our teams."

Guests from Germany and Israel attended the ceremony, further symbolizing the close ties between the two nations. The launching and naming of 'INS DRAKON' represents a key achievement in the production of state-of-the-art AIP submarines, which are globally recognized for their innovation, technical excellence and reliability. The start of production of the first Class 'DAKAR' submarine signals the continuation of this success and sets the stage for future collaboration and partnership.

© thyssenkrupp Marine Systems / 'INS DRAKON', the 3rd submarine of the HDW Class Dolphin AIP submarines for the Israeli Navy