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ASC Launches Digital Transformation Program

London, March 30, 2021 – IFS is Proud to announce an agreement between ASC and IFS:

Australian-owned submarine and warship builder ASC is embracing the digital future by launching a digital transformation program, identifying and rolling out new technology and innovation across its cutting-edge defense programs. As Australia's largest locally owned defense prime contractor, ASC's leadership in the digital space is expected to have flow-on effects for hundreds of Australian and overseas suppliers to its Collins Class sustainment and warship construction programs. IFS was selected to provide enterprise resource planning (ERP) capabilities to help ASC enhance operational efficiency in mission-critical areas.

ASC's critical business systems will be significantly enhanced through a sweeping digital transformation. This comprehensive program will set the ground for ASC's digital shipyard transition: facilitating more streamlined processes, enhanced integration between systems, and the expanded use of real-time data to drive optimised decision-making across the organisation.

ASC's digital transformation program will strengthen its Enterprise Resource Planning system and introduce cutting-edge technologies to enable its workforce and optimise its capabilities to support the sovereign sustainment of the Royal Australian Navy's Collins Class submarine fleet, now and into the future.

ASC Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Stuart Whiley, said the digital transformation is important to ensure that ASC continues to deliver Collins Class availability at beyond international benchmarks for the Royal Australian Navy, in terms of costs, function and availability.

"This project will keep ASC at the cutting-edge of submarine sustainment innovation. It will ensure we maintain an efficient, cost conscious culture as we continue to deliver world-class service and value for money to the Royal Australian Navy," Mr Whiley said.

ASC is committed to the growth and development of its employees. The new systems will ensure they are skilled in the latest digital systems, streamline their work and provide greater job satisfaction.

"Our people will be better equipped to do their jobs by working with real-time data, integrative platforms and improved knowledge-sharing that will enable them to focus on the areas of their expertise.

"Aligning our digital systems with our suppliers will realise additional productivity improvements.

"The project will create approximately 35 new jobs, based across South Australia and Western Australia."

It will be coordinated and delivered by ASC's implementation partner, professional services consultancy Deloitte.

Deloitte Australia National Maritime Leader, and Lead Engagement Partner, Jesse Sherwood said: "Deloitte is incredibly proud to be selected as ASC's implementation partner. We are excited about sharing our broad and deep expertise in delivering complex transformation programs with ASC to help them digitise and modernise sustainment, while innovating to future-proof their business."

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The transformation will utilise enterprise resource planning solution IFS which is highly regarded for its seamless integration of different functions.

IFS Australia and New Zealand Managing Director, Warren Zietsman, said: “After a competitive bid process, we’re honoured that ASC has selected IFS as its ERP system of choice, as it embarks on this ambitious and exciting initiative. “ASC plays a vital role in Australia’s naval defence and we feel privileged to be supporting them in the delivery of its new digital backbone. Our defence expertise will be central to arming ASC with a solution that will offer them agility in their operations and the flexibility to meet changing market demands.”

Additional suppliers Novacura and BluePrism will also participate in the program.

About IFS

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