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INTERMARINE (IMMSI GROUP): DELIVERY OF THE “PURUNPÄÄ” MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSEL TO THE FINNISH NAVY

Sarzana, 20 August 2013 – The ceremony marking the handover of "Purunpää" , the second of three mine countermeasures vessels of the Katanppää Class, built by Intermarine for the Finnish Navy, took place this morning at Porto Lotti in La Spezia.

The formal documents certifying the delivery of the vessel was signed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Navy, Admiral Veli Jukka Pennala, and the CEO of Intermarine, Livio Corghi.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Roberto Colaninno, the chairman of the Immsi Group which controls Intermarine, Mr. Michele COLANINNO, Managing Director of IMMSI Group, Mr. Andrea ORLANDO, Minister of the environment, Mr. Giorgio VISETTI, Italian Ambassador in Finland and Adm. Andrea TOSCANO, Commander in Chief of Alto Tirreno Department as well as other numerous military and civil authority, Finnish Navy top ranks and Intermarine engineers and workers.

With the successful completion of the trials, today Intermarine is able to deliver the second of three highly sophisticated ships. “ The ship will be delivered today to the Finnish Navy, represents the cutting edge of Mine Countermeasures Vessels technology both in terms of the construction technique and of mission system configuration” said Mr. Roberto Colaninno “Intermarine has the leadership in this domain: these Units are the most innovative and sophisticated built, or under construction, worldwide.

In fact, Intermarine has already built 41 Mine Countermeasure Vessels, in 8 different configurations, for the Navies of 7 Countries, including USA, Australia and, of course, Italy.

The three Katanpää Class Vessels, are the result of a long period of fine-tuning and adjustment to the Intermarine basic project to meet the customer’s specific requirements. The Katanpää Class vessels are characterized, indeed, by peculiar characteristics dictated by the specific operational requirements of the Finnish Navy, such as the ability to navigate in ice conditions and the “Mission Suite” configuration, an innovation with respect to other mine countermeasures vessels being based on the integration of a number of sophisticated underwater vehicles, both autonomous and remotely operated, for the detection and the neutralization of the naval mines.

The Katanpää Class has been conceived also for carrying out hydrographic operations and to take part in international missions, where maximum communication and interaction with other units is required as part of the designated tactical plan