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DGA -the French Defence Procurement Agency- has taken delivery of the *LOIRE* -first-of-type BSAH*- built by KERSHIP



**BSAH = Bâtiments de Soutien et d'Assistance Hauturiers
i.e. Offshore support and assistance vessels*

The offshore support and assistance vessel -BSAH- *LOIRE* -the first of a series of four vessels designed and built by KERSHIP- was ordered in 2015 and formally handed over to the French Defence Procurement Agency -DGA- on March 22nd 2018.

This event was the opportunity for Vincent Faujour -KERSHIP President- to '*acknowledge the excellent collaborative work between industrial and state teams enabling the French Navy to take advantage of a unique and versatile tool. This off-sea 4x4 will ensure a very wide range of missions as military support, surveillance and law enforcement at sea*'.

The captain of the second BSAH unit took over the command of the *RHÔNE* on March 23rd in Concarneau. Delivery is scheduled in the summer of 2018 and will be followed by units 3 and 4 - *SEINE* and *GARONNE*- in early 2019.

The success of this programme for the French Navy is the fruit of the objective PIRIOU and Naval Group share to create a global leader in civil standard vessels dedicated to state action at sea -coastguards, police, military police, customs...- they achieve in implementing industrial complementarities. KERSHIP benefits from Naval Group experience on naval defence markets and from PIRIOU's for civil standards vessels. Involved in several major programmes for the French State, KERSHIP has thus become in a few years the first provider of vessels dedicated to state action at sea for the French Navy.



As a reminder, the BSAH *LOIRE* reached home port in Toulon in November 2017 to integrate the information and command systems and to undertake contractual and qualification trials together with the state resources provided by the French Defence Procurement Agency and the French Navy.

The BSAH programme is implemented under the supervision of KERSHIP that manages the contract and industrial coordination. PIRIOU ensures design, building and trials of these vessels characterized by a high versatility and 30 days autonomy. Naval Group carries out studies of the military installations, provides communication systems and will perform In-service supply (ISS) over up to a five-year period. The four vessels were entirely built in the PIRIOU and KERSHIP shipyards in Concarneau and Lorient.

Featuring a 70m length and a full load displacement of approximately 2,960 t, the BSAHs are operated by a crew of 17.

A versatile 70m multi-mission vessel

Length overall 70.3m
 Moulded beam 15.8m
 Draught 5.0m
 Deadweight tonnage about 1,000 t
 Deck cargo 250 m²
 Speed 14 kn
 Hull / superstructure steel
 Accommodation 17 (crew) + 12 passengers
 Propulsion 2 x 2650 kW
 Generators 2 x 300 kW

Specific equipment:

Bollard pull capacity.....80 t
 DP 1 dynamic positioning
 10 t crane at 25 m
 Accommodation of 12 divers and their equipment
 Fi-Fi 1 fire-fighting system
 Deployment of a floating anti-pollution barrier
 Working boat of length approx. 8m
 Semi-rigid boats
 Transportation of weapons and ammunition
 Submarine support during stopover

About PIRIOU

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About KERSHIP

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With the expertise of its parent companies, KERSHIP supports administrations and military marines throughout their vessels lifecycle, from building to delivery as well as from after sales to In-service Support (ISS).

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