



29 October 2014

Gabonese Navy signs contract with PIRIOU for 2 offshore patrol vessels"

M. Ernest MPHOUHO EPIGAT, defence minister for the Gabonese Republic, and M. Pascal PIRIOU, chairman and CEO of PIRIOU, today signed in the presence of M. Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, France's defence minister, a contract to supply two offshore patrol vessels to the Gabonese Navy.

PIRIOU is to deliver in mid-2015, through subsidiary PIRIOU NAVAL SERVICES, a modern 54m patrol vessel of the P400 class.

PIRIOU is to deliver in mid-2016 a 58m offshore patrol vessel (OPV50) from the KERSHIP range, the latter being the principal contractor and CHANTIERS PIRIOU undertaking construction.

The contract also includes initial crew training, supplied by DCI / NAVFCO.

Pascal Piriou: ***"This, our first export success in the field of State Action at Sea demonstrates the relevancy of our dual strategy: firstly our alliance with DCNS, in the form of KERSHIP, to provide vessel construction, and secondly our capacity to supply global solutions by providing complementary ship repair and other services through PIRIOU NAVAL SERVICES.***

This strategy has allowed the PIRIOU Group to provide an innovative mixture of naval construction and repair, such as the solution tailored to the technical requirements, budgetary considerations and short delivery deadlines specified by the Gabonese Navy."

M. Ernest MPHOUHO EPIGAT, defence minister for the Gabonese Republic: ***"This procurement of major naval resources is part of the on-going strategy envisaged by our Head of State to update and reinforce the capacity of our defence and security forces. It will allow us to protect and secure our coastal borders."***

PRESS RELEASE

A comprehensively modernized P400

In December 2013 PIRIOU NAVAL SERVICES (PNS), a subsidiary of the PIRIOU Group specializing in ship repair and based in Concarneau (France), acquired from the French Navy a 54-metre patrol vessel of the P400 class, the *Tapageuse*.

Subsequently, PNS began the comprehensive modernization of the patrol ship “on stock” with a view to offering her up for sale to a national military navy looking for a readily-available and economical solution.

Modernization of the vessel includes:

- both propulsion systems
- generator sets
- new secondary engine room equipment (osmosis unit, oily water separator, and pumps for the fire-fighting system, air-conditioning plant, provision refrigerating plant, fixed extinguishing system, etc.)
- quarters of the crew and special personnel
- navigation and communication electronics
- weapons system
- launches (RHIBs)

The patrol ship will be delivered to the Gabonese Navy in mid-2015 and given a new name.



Capable of maintaining high speeds in rough seas, she has an extensive operating range and a large cargo capacity, including accommodation for 18 passengers. Her large stern deck is ideal for vertical replenishment and carrying cargo. Shipboard weaponry is suitable for patrol and surveillance missions.

General characteristics of patrol vessel P400

Length overall	54.50 m	Accommodation capacity	43 pers.
Beam	8.00 m	of which officers and crew	25 pers.
Draught	2.54 m	of which special personnel	18 pers.
Speed	21 kn	Weaponry	
Range	5,000 NM at 13 kn	1 Bofors 40 mm gun on the fore-deck	
Hull / superstructure	steel	1 GIAT F2 20 mm gun on the aft-deck	

OPV50: a 58-metre offshore patrol vessel by KERSHIP

Offshore patrol vessel OPV50 is a versatile 58-metre ship developed by KERSHIP to undertake various missions related to State Action at Sea.

Her major innovations and features include:

- very versatile design that facilitates reorganization to suit the mission
- large bridge with 360° view
- rapid deployment/retrieval ramp for 2 launches (7 m RHIBs)
- range of 5,000 nautical miles and excellent sea-keeping qualities.

KERSHIP is to entrust the construction of the OPV50 to CHANTIERS PIRIOU, a subsidiary of the PIRIOU Group specializing in ship construction and based in Concarneau (France).



General characteristics

Length overall	58.20 m	Accommodation capacity	36 pers.
Beam	9.50 m	of which crew	28 pers.
Draught	2.70 m	of which special personnel	8 pers.
Speed	21 kn	Weaponry	
Range	5,000 NM at 12 kn	1 x 20 mm gun on the fore-deck	
Hull / superstructure	steel / aluminium	2 x 12.7 mm machine guns	

Crew training

Initial crew training will be provided in France for both ships, one session per ship, before they sail for Gabon (in total, training for approximately 50 persons). Provided by the DCI/NAVFCO, the training programme includes navigation, safety, operations, and equipment deployment.



About PIRIOU

www.piriou.com

Second largest French company for civilian naval construction, repairs and engineering, PIRIOU operates in Europe, Africa and Asia and employs over 1,000 people including 300 in France. PIRIOU recorded a turnover of €145 M in 2013 and, since 1965, has delivered over 400 ships.

PIRIOU NAVAL SERVICES is the French wing of the PIRIOU Group's repairs and services provision. Based in Concarneau (France) and employing 150 people, the company developed an ISS service whose first customer was the Marine Nationale, the French military navy. Since then the company has successfully completed numerous contracts:

2011: 10-year ISS contract for the training ships of the French Navy

PIRIOU maintains and organizes the availability of 8 general training vessels and 2 navigation training vessels within the scope of ISS contract *BE11* for a period of 10 years starting 2010.

2013: 5-year ISS contract for ships of the French Navy / Brest Naval Base

Contract *BN13* starts 2014 and runs for a period of 5 years. Provision includes in-service support (ISS) for the 103 nautical capabilities of Brest naval base, Île Longue naval base, Groupement Plongeurs Démineurs (mine clearance based in Brest), Centre d'Instruction Navale (naval training centre), Ecole Navale (naval academy), Direction Générale de l'Armement Technique Navale (armament procurement based in Brest) and Armée de terre (France's land forces).

In addition, in 2013 PNS secured a contract with NAVOCEAN / DCI

2013: 10-year ISS contract for NavOcean's 44-metre training ship

PIRIOU provides ISS over 10 years for the 44-metre training ship *Almak* on behalf of NavOcean, a company created jointly by DCI and PIRIOU to operate the training ship.

About KERSHIP

www.kership.com

KERSHIP is a jointly-owned company founded in 2013 by PIRIOU (55%) and DCNS (45%). Founded on the complementary skills and expertise of PIRIOU's fifty years in civil shipbuilding and DCNS's experience as a world leader in naval defence markets, the KERSHIP partnership provides a response to the growing international demand for light armed vessels dedicated to State Action at Sea.

KERSHIP secured its first contract in 2013 from the DGA, the armament procurement wing of the French Navy, to build and maintain three 65-metre vessels for the B2M programme. KERSHIP entrusted to CHANTIERS PIRIOU, the ship-building subsidiary of PIRIOU Group based in Concarneau (France), the construction of 3 vessels, and to DCNS their ISS for the duration of their commission.

Press officer: Nadine ROLLAND / Call: +33(0)298 970948 / communication@piriou.fr