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Steel cutting of the second MMPV

## WELDING BEGINS

Varna, 14 December 2022. **Today, NVL Group and its local partner MTG Dolphin, together with representatives of the customer, started production of the second of two modular multipurpose patrol vessels (MMPV) for the Bulgarian Navy. The tradition of the steel cutting is the first major milestone in the production process of a new ship. The two vessels are being built at MTG Dolphin in Varna under the management of the NVL Group and with the participation of numerous Bulgarian suppliers.**

Commander of the Bulgarian Navy, Rear Admiral Mihaylov, stated during the ceremony: "We are very proud to be part of the ceremony of starting steel cutting for construction of the second Multipurpose Modular Patrol Vessel (MMPV) for the Bulgarian Navy. This ship will give the opportunity to Bulgarian naval sailors to fulfil all tasks for defending national maritime interests and to successfully participate in allied operations and missions."

"The fact that we are standing here today celebrating the steel cutting of the second vessel is the result of the excellent collaboration with our customer and with our local partners, especially MTG Dolphin. We have been working together, side by side, for two years now, progressing towards the realization of the most important naval project in Bulgaria to date. This fills us with pride", said Dirk Malgowski, Managing Director of NVL B.V. & Co. KG.

The vessels, which are 90 metres in length, with a displacement of approximately 2,300 t, are based on a proven NVL design and feature an integrated combat management system. The units are predestined for tasks within the framework of international alliance missions for NATO and the EU, and will enable the Bulgarian Navy to counter air and land based threats as well as surface and undersea threats.

Delivery of the first vessel is scheduled for the third quarter of 2025, and the second vessel a year later.

"We are honored to be partner of NVL for MMPV project and to work together with one of the most advanced European shipbuilders. Our cooperation is outstanding and results speak for themselves", said Svetlin Stoyanov, CEO of MTG Dolphin.

## **NVL – THE DNA OF SHIPBUILDING**

NVL Group is a privately owned group of renowned Northern German shipyards and related companies. Customers can rely on us to consistently provide tailored, smart and cost-effective naval solutions that keep navies mission-ready around the world. With deep roots in shipbuilding, we listen to our customers' ideas, understand their requirements, and deliver high-quality naval and coast guard vessels as well as comprehensive services throughout the entire life cycle of their fleets. Construction at our shipyards is supplemented by licensed manufacture at customer facilities worldwide under technology transfer arrangements. As an independent enterprise, we remain flexible to market changes and operate a dynamic, safe and future-oriented business

## **MTG Dolphin**

MTG Dolphin is a private family-owned shipyard located in Varna, Bulgaria, which was established in 1991. We rely on over 500 professionals who contribute to our success and help to uphold our reputation as a reliable partner for complex shipbuilding projects and demanding ship repairs of various types of vessels. Our products are primarily export and our customers are among the leading ship-owners throughout the world. We have successfully delivered 30 new build ships over the last 15 years and we have repaired more than 1,500 ships since the company was founded. We are motivated to consistently improve on what we have already achieved in order to provide even better products and services for our customers. We care about every single ship and every single customer.