



## Cooperation Agreement between ECA and Vestdavit for Launch and Recovery Systems

ECA and Vestdavit are proud to announce that, at the occasion of Euronaval, they have signed a cooperation agreement to develop the next generation of Launch and Recovery systems for Unmanned Maritime Systems.

The use of Unmanned Maritime Systems (“UMS”), Remotely Operated Vehicles (“ROV”), Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (“AUV”) as well as Unmanned Surface Vehicles (“USV”) by Navies but also by O&G, Scientific and other customers, requires to have them operated from various types of ships, even in high sea states. In addition, when a combination of different types of vehicles are used from the same vessel, they need to be managed, stored and handled onboard taking into account, launch and recovery of course, but also their support (e.g. battery charging, maintenance, repair...).

ECA and Vestdavit have therefore decided to combine their expertise and capabilities to develop the next generation of launch and recovery systems for UMS.

As part of this agreement ECA will bring its 50 years of experience in developing and providing over 2000 unmanned underwater and surface vehicles worldwide as well as its knowledge in operating them and in particular its technology and patents regarding the launch and recovery of AUVs.

On its side, Vestdavit will bring its 40 years of experience and over 1900 davits and side and stern launch systems provided worldwide for all types of customers as well as its mission bay concept.

The solution that will be provided under this agreement will incorporate the latest technologies and innovation developed by both companies, enabling ECA to propose the best Launch and Recovery solution for its UMS customers allowing them to operate their systems safely even in the most demanding environment conditions.



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About Vestdavit:



Vestdavit designs, supplies and supports tailor-made solutions for launching and recovering boats in difficult conditions at sea. Its range of boat handling systems and davits are the first choice of navies, coastguards, seismic survey operators, pilot authorities and offshore operators who need to be able to operate small boats safely from larger vessels. Since 1975 Bergen-based Vestdavit has supplied over 1,900 davits and side and stern launch systems. They have proven themselves for almost 40 years of use in the North Sea and other harsh environments around the world. Self-tensioning and shock absorbing systems ensure crew safety and widen the operational window for the users. Vestdavit's key focus is on operational effectiveness, safety and the reliability of its equipment.

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In 2015, the Group reported revenue of 105.2 M€ for its three Departments: Robotics, Aerospace and Simulation.

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