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## JFD awarded capability support contract for UK MOD Astute class submarine



JFD, the world leading underwater capability provider serving the commercial and defence diving markets and part of James Fisher and Sons plc, has been awarded a contract, in excess of £20million, by the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) to be the provider of a novel capability support contract for the Astute class submarine.

The four-year contract, which has a one-year extension option, was awarded through competitive tender and commenced 1 June 2021. It is a long-term support contract to provide equipment-level in-service support including core and non-core tasking, and the provision of spares.

JFD's main capability areas bring focus to the provision of this contract combining expertise for both onboard and offboard systems which demands a high level of through life support to ensure the capability is ready for operations; this is at the core of JFD.

The contract will be managed out of JFD's Capability Support Hub located a short distance from HMNB Clyde. This unique facility possesses all the support capabilities required to ensure a guaranteed service to the UK Royal Navy's submarine fleet. JFD has partnered with RB Safety Consultants (RBSC), a medium-sized consultancy with an outstanding reputation in the submarine enterprise for providing assurance oversight.

Richard Dellar, JFD Managing Director, commented:

*“I am delighted to be able to comment on this first for JFD, as navies around the world continue to rely on JFD to manage and maintain critical life support assets at exceptional levels of availability. Supporting our defence customers through long-term strategic partnerships is JFD’s core business. Our global pedigree, together with our detailed knowledge, experience, and understanding of the capability has allowed us to prepare a carefully considered and innovative offer which will deliver a tailored fit-for-purpose solution, driving best value to all stakeholders.”*

Capability assurance is provided by JFD’s carefully constructed and balanced blend of experienced and knowledgeable people; efficient systems and processes; and proactive management with streamlined decision-making. All of which have been purpose-designed with one goal in mind: to guarantee that assets are ready for operational requirements, whenever needed, without compromise.

JFD provides fast, safe and reliable subsea rescue services, products, engineering services and training to 80 countries and 33 of the world’s navies including the Royal Navy, Australian, Singapore, India and South Korean Navies.

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