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IRS secures new QA order

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Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) has secured an order for providing Quality Assurance (QA) services for Indian Navy submarine during refit. The order is a major win for the classification society and paves the way for a new vertical within its Defence sector business.

The Indian Ministry of Defence, (MoD) has recently signed a contract with Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam, (HSL), for undertaking the 'Normal Refit' of INS Sindhukirti,



the third "Kilo" class submarine of the Indian Navy (IN). The shipyard has selected the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) for provision of QA services, as the inspection agency for this refit. This marks the first occasion when a classification society has been entrusted with providing

such services for the refit of a submarine in India. IRS shall un-

dertake quality inspections of Hull, Machinery and Electrical systems on board the submarine in accordance with the approved QA plan.

According to the MoD, the refit of the submarine at HSL would develop additional capabilities for refit and repair of submarines in

India, thereby enhancing the indigenous support for maintaining the IN's operational readiness. This project would also pave the way for the undertaking of 'Medium Refit with Life Certification' of submarines at HSL.

Mr Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman of IRS, said 'With the provision of QA services for the submarine, IRS has added a new dimension to its role in support of the Indian Navy, in consonance with the spirit of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.