

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Naval Group and EDGE sign agreement for Rampart firing trials

**On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Naval Group and EDGE Group's smart weapons producer, HALCON, signed an agreement for firing trials of HALCON's SKYKNIGHT air defence missile using Naval Group's Rampart. This agreement marks the first step of a mutually beneficial cooperation intended to support the future integration of the missile into the system.**

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This agreement will lead to a firing trials campaign to be conducted in the UAE, starting in 2026 up to 2027, with a first phase carried out on land and a second phase at sea. With complementary skills and know-how in near-field combat, Naval Group will bring its experience in integrating weapons, weapons launching systems and equipment on warships, while HALCON will contribute with its expertise in the production and supply of precision-guided weapons and ammunition module.

HALCON's SKYKNIGHT air defence missile was purposely designed to counter a wide spectrum of modern threats, providing advanced protection for static and mobile assets thanks to precise surface-to-air intercept capabilities, targeting rotary-wing aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), rockets, artillery, mortar, and other fixed-wing aircraft at a range of up to 10Km.

### **Rampart: A single launcher for multiple means of self-defence**

Moving away from the "one launcher per type of weapon" approach, Naval Group's Rampart represent a technological and operational breakthrough to provide navies with an unprecedented response to asymmetric threats and near-field attacks.

This new-generation weapon system offers an answer to today's operational need, optimizing logistical support and crew training. A real guarantee of economic gains, but also of operational availability.

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## About EDGE

Launched in November 2019, the UAE's EDGE is one of the world's leading advanced technology groups, established to develop agile, bold and disruptive solutions for defence and beyond, and to be a catalyst for change and transformation. It is dedicated to bringing breakthrough innovations, products, and services to market with greater speed and efficiency, to position the UAE as a leading global hub for future industries, and to creating clear paths within the sector for the next generation of highly skilled talent to thrive.

With a focus on the adoption of 4IR technologies, EDGE is driving the development of sovereign capabilities for global export and for the preservation of national security, working with front-line operators, international partners, and adopting advanced technologies such as autonomous capabilities, cyber-physical systems, advanced propulsion systems, robotics and smart materials. EDGE converges R&D, emerging technologies, digital transformation, and commercial market innovations with military capabilities to develop disruptive solutions tailored to the specific requirements of its customers. Headquartered in Abu Dhabi, capital of the UAE, EDGE consolidates more than 35 entities into five core clusters: Platforms & Systems, Missiles & Weapons, Space & Cyber Technologies, Technologies & Industrialisation, and Homeland Security.

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## About Naval Group

As an international naval defence player, Naval Group is a partner for countries seeking to maintain control of their maritime sovereignty. Naval Group develops innovative solutions to meet its customers' requirements. The group is present throughout the entire life cycle of vessels. It designs, produces, equips, integrates, supports and upgrades submarines and surface ships, as well as their systems and equipment, right up to the final phases of deconstruction and dismantling. Naval Group's unique know-how in autonomous systems, underwater weapons and drones place it in pole position to become European leader in the sector. As a high-tech company, it draws on its outstanding expertise, unique design and production resources and ability to establish strategic partnerships, in particular within the framework of transfers of technology. It also provides shipyard and naval base services.

Ever mindful of the issues concerning corporate social responsibility (CSR), Naval Group is a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact. Located on five continents, the group generates revenue of 4.355 billion euros and has 16,722 employees (Full-Time Equivalent average annual workforce - figures as on 31 December 2024).

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