



The new Kongsberg Digital simulators will be used for the on-going training of RAN Officers and sailors undertaking all levels of shiphandling, navigation, warfare, and bridge management courses. ©Commonwealth of Australia

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Royal Australian Navy continues to expand training capability with two new ship's bridge simulators

Asker, May 2, 2019 – Kongsberg Digital has signed a contract for a delivery of two new K-Sim Full Mission Bridge simulators at the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) HMAS Watson Bridge Simulator Facility in Watsons Bay, Sydney, Australia. The project is a noteworthy addition to KONGSBERG's service delivery contracts with the RAN, which includes multiple shiphandling and engine room simulators delivered at training facilities across the country.

The requirement for expansion and intensification of RAN's training program is the result of a sustained period of growth and capability enhancement for the navy. The RAN's shipbuilding program is currently fully occupied with the construction of new Hunter Class anti-submarine Future Frigates and Arafura Class offshore patrol vessels, while the navy is also taking delivery of two Supply Class AOR (Auxilliary Oiler Replenishment) vessels.

The acquisition of new ship classes has caused a spike in demand within the RAN's training pipeline, that KONGSBERG has accomodated with the new Full Mission Bridge simulators at the navy's primary navigation training facility at Watsons Bay. The simulators will be used for the on-going training of RAN Officers and sailors undertaking all levels of shiphandling, navigation, warfare, and bridge management courses.

“Our simulator training requirements continue to grow and KONGSBERG has shown the flexibility to support our requirements, even in a compressed timeframe,” said Commander Chris Doherty, Head of Command and Navigation, RAN. “This latest delivery reflects the depth of our partnership as well as the importance of high-quality simulator training to the safety and operational performance of our people and fleet.”

“The Royal Australian Navy counts among our most important and valued clients,” says Mark Stuart Treen, Vice President Sales, Kongsberg Digital. “The Navy continues to grow its Navigation and Engine Room training capacity using K-Sim Simulators, and we are committed to providing the technology and support that ensures trainees are always ready for their role on board new and existing ships.”

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