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SCHIEBEL CAMCOPTER® S-300 SELECTED FOR EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND SWORD PROJECT

Vienna, 1 June 2026: Schiebel's CAMCOPTER® S-300 has been selected as the airborne platform for SWORD, a European Defence Fund (EDF) project focused on Stand-off anti-submarine Warfare Operations by Remote Deployment (SWORD), a consortium led by TKMS ATLAS ELEKTRONIK.

SWORD aims to develop a System-of-Systems for stand-off Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), providing an integrated sensor-to-shooter functional chain that enables naval platforms to detect, track, classify and neutralise submerged threats. The 36-month project brings together leading European defence and technology partners to advance a mature concept design for future ASW capabilities.

As part of the consortium, Schiebel will contribute the CAMCOPTER® S-300 Unmanned Air System (UAS), the company's heavy-lift Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) platform. With its extended endurance, high payload capacity and compact operational footprint, the S-300 is ideally suited to support complex maritime missions and the remote deployment of advanced sensor and mission payloads.

The project underlines the growing need for unmanned systems in future naval operations. Designed to operate in both maritime and land-based environments, the CAMCOPTER® S-300 provides a flexible airborne capability for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), as well as extended mission profiles requiring larger payloads, longer endurance and operational adaptability.

"We are proud that the CAMCOPTER® S-300 has been selected for this important European Defence initiative," said Hans Georg Schiebel, Chairman of the Schiebel Group. "SWORD is a great example of European cooperation in a highly relevant maritime defence domain. The selection of the S-300 highlights the platform's potential to support future ASW concepts with a flexible, unmanned and operationally efficient capability."

Led by TKMS ATLAS ELEKTRONIK, the SWORD consortium includes partners from across Europe and supports the European Defence Fund's objective of strengthening collaborative defence research and innovation within the European Union.

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About Schiebel:
Founded in 1951 in Vienna, the globally operating Schiebel Group focuses on the development, design and production of the revolutionary CAMCOPTER® S-100 and S-300 Unmanned Air Systems (UAS). Certified to meet AS/EN 9100 standards, Schiebel has built an international reputation for producing high-tech military, commercial and humanitarian products, which are backed by exceptional after-sales service and support. Schiebel has facilities in Vienna and Wiener Neustadt (Austria), Toulon (France), Manassas, VA (USA), Abu Dhabi (UAE), and Shoalhaven (Australia).

About the CAMCOPTER® S-300:
Schiebel's CAMCOPTER® S-300 Unmanned Air System (UAS) is designed to meet the requirements of customers seeking extended range, long endurance, and enhanced payload-carrying capabilities. With its maximum payload capacity of 350 kg and maximum endurance of 24 hours, the Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) UAS is intended for ISTAR operations with multiple higher performing and therefore heavier sensors and radars, cargo delivery missions or for dropping multiple sonobuoys for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) operations. Its three-bladed foldable rotor ensures a minimal footprint as it can easily be stowed and maintained in confined spaces or in ships' hangars. To ensure maximum mission versatility and cost effectiveness, the heavy-lift-capable S-300 can be controlled by the same, proven Ground Control Station used by the smaller CAMCOPTER® S-100.

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