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PARTNERSHIP – SIREHNA & COUACH: A FRENCH ALLIANCE TO CONQUER USV INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

The partnership between SIREHNA and Couach, signed on 23 April 2024, reflects Naval Group's ambition to provide the market with first-class USVs capable of meeting the requirements of collaborative combat and civilian operations.

With the creation of the DSA division in early 2023, Naval Group aims to provide navies with a comprehensive offering incorporating its own USVs and autonomous systems, as well as those of its subsidiary SIREHNA and partners.

At a time when high-intensity conflicts are multiplying, Naval Group's objective is to increase the operational capacity of naval forces through innovative, proven and competitive solutions.

The partnership signed between SIREHNA and Couach, who have been working together since 2022, supports this ambition: ***'To position ourselves in the small surface UAV market, we are teaming up with the best partners,'*** explains Patrick Pennamen, Managing Director of SIREHNA.

Both partners have in-depth expertise in their respective fields. On one side, SIREHNA brings 40 years' experience in the dynamics of naval platforms, including more than a decade in ship teleoperation technologies.

On the other, Couach brings its long-standing expertise in the design and construction of custom-built and production ships, both civil and military. Together, the French duo aims to offer combat-ready products that can be deployed quickly and are ultra-competitive.

This alliance completes a partnership approach initiated just over 18 months ago by the two partners to meet the time-to-market, a decisive criterion in this market.



A community of shared values

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