

Fairbanks Morse Defense Expands UXV Capabilities with DECK Marine Systems Collaboration

BELOIT, Wis. – [Fairbanks Morse Defense](#) (FMD), a portfolio company of Arcline Investment Management (Arcline), is expanding its capabilities to serve [unmanned marine vehicles](#) (UXV) through a licensing agreement with [DECK Marine Systems](#) (DECK), a developer of innovative systems to deploy and recover vessels and sensors, FMD said in an Aug. 16 release. Through the agreement, FMD and DECK will co-develop an [intelligent launch and recovery system](#) (LARS) for use with UXVs and FMD will have an exclusive license to sell and service DECK's LARS, [instrument deployment units](#) (IDUs) and [winches](#) for the U.S., Canada, Australia and U.K. government markets.

"As the Navy develops and tests more unmanned vehicle technologies, FMD remains committed to providing the capabilities and support necessary for expanding the reach and scope of our fleet," said Jay McFadyen, FMD's chief commercial officer. "The expanded capabilities offered through our licensing agreement with DECK Marine Systems, combined with our existing products and services from our [Welin Lambie](#) business unit, strengthens our ability to help propel U.S. maritime defense into the future."

Through this agreement, DECK will have access to FMD's global network of highly trained [field service technicians](#), along with a wide range of marine technologies, [OEM products](#) and [turnkey services](#) through the defense contractor's six strategically located [service centers](#). DECK will also leverage FMD's customer-focused Regional Account Managers to expand its

presence among marine defense customers.

“Precision and durability are essential for maritime military success, and we believe that makes DECK’s proven technology solutions an ideal fit to support the Navy’s [UXV](#) programs,” said Dmitri Jekimov, DECK Marine Systems CEO. “We look forward to working with FMD to expand our presence and capabilities to serve more [military marine markets](#).”

For more than 100 years, FMD has provided products and services to the [Navy](#). Today, the defense contractor powers more than 80% of the Navy’s ships with medium-speed applications. The [defense contractor](#) has rapidly expanded its array of best-in-class marine technologies, OEM parts and turnkey services for marine defense customers through expansion and the acquisitions of companies that include [Federal Equipment Company](#) (FEC), [Hunt Valve](#), [Maxim Watermakers](#), [Research Tool & Die \(RT&D\)](#), [Ward Leonard](#) and [Welin Lambie](#). Most recently, the defense contractor was named an exclusive naval field service provider for [The Ideal Electric Company](#).