Germany to Equip New Coastal Patrol Vessels with BAE Deck Guns



This BAE Systems 57 mm naval gun will go on new offshore patrol vessels of the German federal police force. BAE Systems Inc.

KARLSKOGA, Sweden – BAE Systems has been selected by the vessel contractor to provide the German federal police force, Bundespolizei, with three 57 mm naval guns for its three new 86-meter offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) built by Fassmer shipyard.

The gun systems, known as the Bofors 57 Mk3, will support the maritime arm of the Bundespolizei that monitors the country's North Sea and Baltic coastlines.

The 57 Mk3 is a versatile gun system designed to react quickly for close-to-shore operations.

"The Bofors 57 Mk3 is a versatile naval gun with firepower and range that exceeds expectations when compared with similar, medium-caliber naval gun systems. That's how our 57 mm system has earned its reputation as the deck gun of choice for ships operating in coastal environments," said Ulf Einefors, director of marketing and sales for BAE's weapons business in Sweden.

"This contract expands the number of European nations deploying the 57 Mk3 and reflects the growing interest we're seeing in the region, where we look forward

to supporting new opportunities in the near future.”

The 57 Mk3 naval gun is also in use with the allied navies and coast guards of eight nations, including Canada, Finland, Mexico and Sweden as well as the United States, where it is known as the Mk110 naval gun.

This contract also includes accompanying fire control systems as well as systems integration support. Work is expected to begin immediately and will be performed at the BAE facility in Karlskoga, Sweden. The first unit is scheduled for delivery in 2020.