Hanwha Executes Maritime-based Missile Test from Palletizable Launcher



GULFPORT, Miss. – On Sunday, Hanwha Defense USA and its parent company, Hanwha Aerospace, successfully test launched a Chunmoo missile from a palletizable, MFOM platform off the coast of Mississippi. The launch was conducted onboard a missile test range vessel operated by the Mississippi-based launch provider, The Spaceport Company (TSC).

The test concludes a two (2) missile launch campaign of Chunmoo missiles to validate maritime-based weapon system operations. The exercise also matures the launcher and electronics to enable precision-guided maritime strike capability to a wide range of crewed and uncrewed vessels

“Hanwha is answering the U.S. Navy’s call to produce and field modern strike capabilities from a maritime platform,” said Hanwha Defense USA Executive Vice President for Missiles Kevin Schoonover. “By pairing Hanwha’s flagship Chunmoo missile and

its palletized platform with next generation crewed and uncrewed vessels, we can deliver capabilities for the Navy at scale and a fraction of the cost of other systems. The data collected during this test will help shape future distributed maritime operations and expeditionary strike capabilities for both palletized and containerized launcher concepts."

Hanwha's ongoing test program will provide full-process support for sea-based launch demonstrations and collect critical technical and operational data to inform future maritime fires capabilities. The effort supports the growing need for flexible, distributed, and survivable strike systems capable of operating across diverse naval and expeditionary environments.

The Spaceport Company is America's leading offshore provider for commercial space and national security missions with 10+ proven launches from mobile launch pad ships, barges and semi-submersible offshore launch platforms.

Magnet Defense, a Hanwha partner company, was also present for the demonstration to track and evaluate the launch from their Magnet Research Vessel. Last April, Hanwha Defense USA and Magnet Defense announced a strategic partnership to produce medium unmanned surface vessels (MUSVs) for the U.S. Department of War.

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