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Torpedo delivery in Motala

At an impressive ceremony today in Motala the first, new, heavyweight torpedo, designated Torpedo 62, was formally handed over to The Swedish Defence Material Administration (FMV).

The torpedo was handed over to Rear-Admiral Bertil Björkman, Head of the Production Group FMV, by the President of Saab Bofors Underwater Systems AB, Mikael Grodzinsky.

During June 2001 Saab Bofors Underwater Systems will deliver the first lot of series produced torpedoes to FMV. Include in Torpedo 62 is equipment for testing the fire control system and evaluating of the results after firing, as well as documentation and training of crews in handling the system at land bases and onboard vessels.

Its Swedish designation is Torped 62, and the export version is designated Torpedo 2000. The first export order has already been received from Brazil.

"This is a big event for us here in Motala", said Mikael Grodzinsky, "it is a very sophisticated and complex development project, performed in close cooperation with FMV, that has resulted in us now being able to deliver a new heavyweight torpedo that must be classified as being global "State of the art". Torpedo 62 is primarily intended for arming submarines but it can also be launched from surface vessels. It is a weapon system that both we and our customers have great faith in. A system that has aroused enormous international interest, and one that we count on will result in more orders, over and above the one we have already received from Brazil."

DATA Torped 62/Torpedo 2000:

Diameter 21"(533mm)

Length 6 m Weight 1 450 kg

Speed/range exceeding 40 knots/greater than 40 km

Operational depth 500 m

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