

French Navy's new frigate "Alsace" equipped with Socomec UPS

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The French Navy has just launched a new military frigate. The vessel has been named ALSACE and is equipped with electrical safety equipment made by Socomec.



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Following the first frigate - the Aquitaine – that was delivered in 2011, the frigate "Alsace" is the 10th in the FREMM (European multi-purpose frigate) programme manufactured by Naval Group, the leading French military shipbuilding company.

SOCOMEK has been tasked with supplying the safety power supply equipment (UPS) for critical electrical systems for the entire programme, including weapons system control, communication, fire detection, and security lighting, etc.

Each frigate is equipped with 10 UPS of 10 and 40 kVA with built-in battery cabinets, equipment specially developed to meet the very specific requirements of on-board operation.

Naval Group (formerly the DCNS) took on its new name after its merger with THALES in 2007 and is a long-standing customer of SOCOMEK. From the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier (1995) to the new generation nuclear attack submarine Barracuda (2009), and most recently the Intermediate Frigates (FTI), a long partnership with this key shipbuilder has enabled the Alsace-based company to supply critical equipment for many prestigious vessels for the French Navy and other foreign fleets.

SOCOMEK's adaptability and capacity for innovation in the field of power conversion explain its ability to meet the stringent requirements for on-board equipment: compactness, stealth, efficiency, and reliability...

For this occasion, the Benfeld company delivered the equipment for this new frigate stamped with the "Alsace brand" logo, the new flag bearer for the enhancement and promotion of the region's expertise and excellence in quality.

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