DESIGNING FOR FUTURE SUBMARINE CAPABILITY

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Submarines are Important for Swedish Security Policy

- Control of the underwater domain is of strategic importance
- Sweden has long and successful experience of submarine operations
- Sweden has long and successful experience of AIP submarine design and construction (A14S, A17S, A19)

Swedish Government has decided to acquire the Next Generation Submarine



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Customer Requirements - Design Influencing Factors

- Operations will take place anywhere in the world
 - Engagement focus in the littorals with effective ocean transit
- The Submarine will be part of a larger network
- New payload types, with new capabilities, sizes and shapes, will be used
- Special Operation Deployments will gain importance
- Threat environment will be in the full spectrum of conventional asymmetric and high - low
- Adversary sensors will gain performance
- Traditional ASW/ASuW capability
- New types of submarine missions will emerge
- High level of availability







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Next generation submarine for Royal Swedish Navy Swedish Government decision to acquire 2 units Design contract placed in 2010 Construction contract in 2012 Deliveries in 2019-2020

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The Design Challenge





Length overall	~	62 m
Draught, surfaced	~	6 m
Displacement surface	1	800 tonnes



Propulsion	Stirling AIP & diesel-electric
Standard complement	26 persons
Weapons	53 & 40 cm torpedoes, mines
Multimission Portal [™]	L >6 m, diameter >1.5 m





Modular Design

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- Used in previous submarine generations
- Developed further in A26

Efficient construction

- Modules outfitted and tested before assembly
- Distributed construction

Resilient platforms

- Reduces radiated noise
- Reduces shock loads

Designed with design margins

- Prepared for future upgrades
- Allows for adaptation to customer requirements

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Modular Design – Variants of A26

Adaptations to other customer's requirements

- Range and endurance
- Crew size
- Submerged endurance
- AIP speed
- Indiscretion rate
- New payloads



Example of extending the A26 with a new hull module for e.g. more fuel or new payloads









The Stirling AIP System

Increases submerged endurance dramatically

High efficiency

Low signatures

- No increase in indiscretion range
- No IR signature

• Proven

- Operational since 1989
- Used in all RSwN submarines and by other navies
- High availability

Low life cycle cost

- Cost effective solution
- Easy to maintain

• Simple logistics

- Low sulfur diesel and standard LOX
- Can be refitted into existing submarines
 - Self-contained AIP plug with all systems



Stirling module



AIP replenishment at sea (LOX, fuel & weapons)











Kockums A26 – Various Ongoing Design Tests



Bulkhead welding tests

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Habitability mock-ups





Hydrodynamic tests



Conclusions

The Next Generation Submarine (A26):

- Building on the success of A17S and A19
- Including many more features and abilities
- The submarine design must be innovative and future-proof Modularity and flexibility key design elements
 - Modularity in general arrangement and hull design
 - Modularity in systems and sub-systems
 - Modularity in systems integration
 - Modularity and flexibility in payload integration

Delivery of the first batch of two submarines in 2019-2020

"The world's most modern submarine designed for future challenges"





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