

Kineco flags-off India's first commercial Sonar Dome for Indian Navy

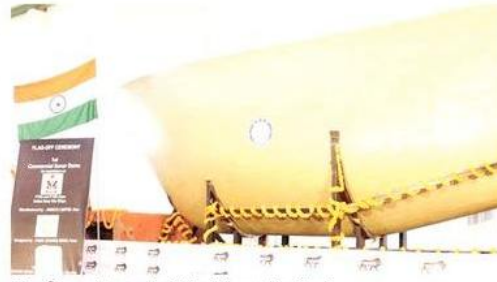
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PANJIM: Goa-based Kineco Limited, a leading composite technology provider for defence, aerospace, railway and industrial sectors, flagged off India's first-ever commercial Sonar Dome, at the hands of Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant on Tuesday.

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The Sonar Dome is a critical component of a warship as it houses the Sonar (Sonar Navigation and Ranging) Array - which is used for detection, navigation, and ranging. The Sonar Dome, manufactured by Kineco was flagged off to its esteemed customer Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited Mumbai (MDL), where it will be mounted on the Indian Navy's P15 Alpha Warship. The ceremony was at-

tended virtually by Scientific Advisor to Chief of Naval Staff, Bhaskar Burman, Director Ship building of MDL, RAdm A K Saxena, (IN Retd), GM and project superintendent (P17A Frigate) of MDL, Biju George, scientist and Director General - Armament and Combat Engineering Systems (ACE), Pravin K Mehta, scientist- Director of Research & Development Establishment (Engrs), a premier systems engineering laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) V V Parlikar and CMDE Adhikesh Vasudevan - (Warship Production Superintendent) and CMDE Sanjay Chhabra (Additional Warship Production Superintendent) of the Indian Navy. The event was also graced by Aditya Reddy, Joint MD and Subramanyam M from Indo National Limited, a publicly listed company and its ma-



The Sonar Dome built by Kineco Limited.

ajority shareholder.

Chief Minister Sawant said, "It is a proud moment for me being the CM of the state of Goa to flag off of the country's first indigenous Sonar Dome, which is in line with the PM's 'Make In India' vision in the defence sector and the Atmanirbhar initiatives. It is also a proud moment for all Goans that a Goan company has been nominated for the supply of the country's first Sonar Dome, which is a very important component of the Indian warships for

the Indian Navy.

Kineco's founder and MD, Shekhar Sardesai said, "It has been a privilege for Kineco to be a part of and significantly contribute towards the success of India's first indigenous Sonar Dome Project. We are truly grateful to R&DE Engineers (DRDO), Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and Indian Navy, without whose support this extraordinary success would not have been possible. It is a gratifying moment for the entire

Team Kineco to see all our efforts translate into a milestone success for the Nation. Kineco shall always endeavor to make many such noteworthy contributions to India's journey towards self-reliance in defence."

He added, "Today, my entire team and I would like to remember and pay a tribute to a departed son of the soil, our former Defence Minister of India and our ex-Chief Minister, late Manohar Parrikar, who has been an ardent source of inspiration and guidance to many industrial establishments in Goa, such as ours. He was also a great supporter of Make in India in defence vision which he articulated in Defence Procurement Policy 2016 during his tenure as Defence Minister of India. Today, Kineco commits to abide by his high principles of putting Nation above everything."