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World Naval Market set to grow despite reductions in Europe, US

Arlington, VA – July 20, 2010 – AMI International, a leading provider of market analysis and consulting for naval, maritime security, and unmanned systems markets, briefed its latest World Naval Market Forecast at the inaugural Maritime Security and Technology (MAST) Americas conference in Northern Virginia last month.

Bob Nugent, AMI's Vice President of Advisory Services, noted that AMI continues to forecast growth in the total world new construction naval market through 2030, despite declines in the US and European sectors.

Some Facts and Figures from the AMI Naval Market Forecast:

- The number of new ships AMI forecasts will be built worldwide over the next 20 years has fallen about 10%, from 3300 hulls projected in 2008 to 3000 hulls in AMI's most current projection.
- The global market value of new construction ships AMI expects to be built over the next 20 years has increased almost 8%, from US\$641B (in 2009 USD) in 2008 to US\$691B in 2010.
- This growth reflects an increasing share of future new build naval construction in corvette and frigate procurements, as well as increased value of US and UK new construction carrier programs.

The United States remains the world's biggest naval buyer, while the European market has slipped to third behind the Asia-Pacific market, which is expected to continue steady growth through 2030.

Emerging naval markets in the Middle East, North Africa and South America also show strong growth compared to AMI's 2008 forecast – forecasted market value for these markets has grown 25-40 percent compared to the 2008 projection.

Nugent added that the world naval market is also signaling a growing demand for “other than war” ships – offshore patrol vessels, joint support ships and multirole vessels that blend seakeeping and endurance with payload and logistics flexibility needed for humanitarian assistance missions, combined operations and political/economic engagement.

While larger navies face continuing budget pressures that push them to look at smaller combatants, smaller “transitional” navies and coast guards are moving up the capability chain from inshore and coastal patrol boats to corvettes and frigates.

“Emerging technologies are also enabling these smaller platforms to do more,” Nugent noted in his briefing. “Notably, sea-based unmanned systems—air, surface, and subsurface—are playing a larger role in ship-borne surveillance, mine warfare, and other missions.”

To view the briefing: <http://www.mastamericas.com/finalpapers/rnugent-mastamericas-16027-24-06-2010-18-19-46.pdf>

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