

## **Thales and Team Vigilance Launch the Royal Canadian Navy's Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel**

- Thales joins partner companies Vard Marine, Heddle Shipyards, SH Defense, and Fincantieri S.p.A in launching the Vigilance Class Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV).
- The Vigilance Class, as a new naval concept, would help modernize the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and equip Canada's sailors with the technology they need to fulfill their ambitious multi-mission needs.
- Designed, built and equipped in Canada, these multi-mission OPVs would evolve the second pillar of the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), in which Thales Canada is a vital partner.



**Thales today announced at CANSEC 2023 – alongside its Team Vigilance partners – that it will provide Combat Systems Integration (CSI) and Electronic Systems Integration (ESI) for the Vigilance Class OPV to modernize the Royal Canadian Navy's future fleet and ensure paramount performance for meaningful missions at home and abroad.**

In addition to Thales' world-class electronic and combat systems integration capabilities, Thales Canada brings more than fifty years of experience supporting the RCN's fleets and another thirteen years as a vital Tier-1 supplier under Canada's NSS to Team Vigilance, adding to an already impressive combination of industrial leadership and Canadian know-how.

*“It’s energizing to envision what Canada’s sailors and the RCN could gain from a paradigm shift in mid-sized OPVs: fewer crew needs through digitization and uncrewed systems; mission adaptability via modern sensor-suites; and future-proofing by way of artificial intelligence, connectivity, big data and IoT technologies. All this in a fully integrated, compact and versatile vessel – the outcome of a deep commitment among Team Vigilance partners to both Canada and to collaboration.”*  
**Chris Pogue, CEO, Thales Canada**

Collectively, Team Vigilance has both the capabilities and experience to meet the needs of the most demanding naval operators, whether it is in ship design, Canadian and global shipbuilding, the integration of combat and offboard systems, modular payload systems, or life-cycle solutions that are both sustainable and eco-conscious. And, together, Team Vigilance can deliver to Canada a new class of multi-mission OPVs with the capabilities to fulfil any mission assigned to it at home or abroad.

### **About Thales**

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies within three domains: Defence & Security, Aeronautics & Space, and Digital Identity & Security. It develops products and solutions that help make the world safer, greener and more inclusive.

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Thales has 77,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2022, the Group generated sales of €17.6 billion.

### **About Thales Canada**

A Canadian leader in research and technology, Thales Canada combines over 50 years of experience with the talent of over 2,200 skilled people from coast-to-coast. Thales Canada offers leading capabilities in the defence, urban rail, civil aviation, digital identity and security sectors – meeting the most complex needs and requirements of its customers across all operating environments.

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