

Prince of Wales Service Confirmed

On the last day of the NATO summit in Wales, Prime Minister David Cameron committed to entering HMS Prince of Wales into service, saying: "they [Carriers] are an investment in British security, British prosperity and our place in the world, transforming our ability to project power globally whether independently or with our allies." The announcement was welcomed by senior government and military figures, with the news coming just days ahead of the double docking of LB02 and LB03 in Rosyth, which signals the start of assembly for HMS Prince of Wales.

Another step forward for QEC Mission Systems



Marek Lowther (L), Managing Director – Telindus Ltd, David Glasscock (R) QEC Mission Systems Supply Chain Lead

On the 23 July 2014, QEC Mission Systems signed the Internal Network Electronics (INE) CAT 3 Installation contract with Telindus Ltd. This contract will enable the installation of the Network on HMS Queen Elizabeth (Ship 01) and HMS Prince of Wales (Ship 02), and is the result of many months of work by the INE and Supply Chain teams. The Internal Network Electronics deliver the means by which the Mission System communicates across the blown fibre infrastructure. It will be installed by Telindus Ltd on Ship 01 over the next 18 months and involves the installation of all core network equipment, access switches and end user devices such as telephones and televisions. It also entails the installation and setting to work of the Multi-Media Reception and Distribution system (MMRD).

Spotlight on..

Alan MacAskill, Communications and Engagement Manager



Alan Macaskill joins us as the new ACA Communications and Engagement Manager. Alan will be based at Rosyth and is looking forward to getting stuck into the shipbuilding, combat systems and power and propulsion world. Here Alan tells us a bit more about himself.

What is your past experience/field of expertise?

My background is as a journalist and editor for various national and trade press. I've written for numerous publications ranging from aerospace and defence to heritage, agriculture and oil and gas. My previous role was in banking, as a Communications Business Partner in RBS, looking after the communications for NatWest and Royal Bank of Scotland retail businesses. There I looked after their internal communications and employee engagement.

What made you want to join the Aircraft Carrier Alliance?

I was incredibly excited about the opportunity to be part of something so nationally important. The idea that the Carriers will still be operational during the lives of my future grandchildren or great-grandchildren is amazing. I've also got a passion for aircraft and defence and I, as I started my journalism career 15 years ago on marine titles, this programme was of real interest to me.

What are you most looking forward to about this role?

Having the opportunity to make even more people aware and excited about the Carriers. Following the naming ceremony there's a real opportunity to build momentum and engage our people, communities and the rest of the country even more about these fantastic ships.

Tell us a bit about yourself outside of work?

I'm a very busy dad and husband. I'm married to Christine and we have two wonderful little girls, Rebecca aged 6 and Lauren, 4. I love the cinema and since the kids came along haven't been able to go too often, so we have a home movie theatre. My other passion is motorsport and I try to regularly attend F1 and sports car endurance races.

Employee Pulse (BAE only)

As communicated last issue, Rosyth based BAE Systems employees will be invited to take part in the company's annual employee survey this week. For non-PC users, we have booked out **392 South Amenity** where all sessions will take place.

Day shift times are as follows:

Wednesday 10 September 11:15-12:00

Wednesday 10 September 13:30-14:15

Thursday 11 September 11:15-12:00

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Night, back and weekend shift will be contacted shortly about timings.

PC users will be invited through a weblink and do not need to attend the sessions listed above.

If you have any questions please contact ACA HR or Communications.

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Prince of Wales LB04

The steel work team has completed the link-up of a number of rings which has opened up areas of the block for the PO1 and PO2 scope of works (rings M and N to rings P, Q, R and S).

A recovery plan for P01 is now underway and the work phases of follow-on trades will increase over the coming weeks. There will be an additional focus on pipe pressure testing in order to reach the milestone of 9,500 pipe spools tested and we're rapidly approaching a milestone of 45,000 terminations completed.

There is also an increased focus on efficiency improvements, with the Project looking to improve change delivery on the block via weekly issues meetings with the workforce.

Last week there were four PO1 inspections achieved with a further nine barcoded this week. Ten Compartment Handover Inspections (CHOI) were achieved last week and a further 12 compartments are due to be completed this week which will take the block to 124 achieved, 10 ahead of plan.

Merseyside

HMS Prince of Wales CB02 F&G

There are 83 compartments in total for Compartment Handover inspections (CHOI) within CB02 F ring and G ring. 58 have been inspected, 45 achieved, 13 awaiting signature and 25 still to be inspected.

All spools for I-01 ITR and O-08 ITR have been inspected and are progressing to sign off where applicable. Currently 67 spools have been signed off and added to the CMS. I-03 ITRs are currently progressing sign off with first load scheduled to be added to CMS by next week.

The barge arrived onsite last week with preparations ongoing for load out scheduled for 22/24 September, with final handover and Sail Away on schedule for 2 October 2014.



Image shows CHOI inspected compartment 2GW6

HMS Prince of Wales CB04

All A ring units now in place on berth along with B ring two deck units. The outfit of seats, pipe supports and eyeplate continues to A ring. The fitting of seats and pipe supports to CB04A Hangar deck continue.

On B ring two deck units, the lock out seats are being manufactured along with three deck seats and pipe support.

C ring two deck and flight deck plates, along with D ring deck plates on grillages and welding continues.