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DND signs contract for anti-submarine helicopters



Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin and AgustaWestland Limited SVP for Sales and Strategic Planning Mr. Stefano Bortoli sign the contract for the Anti-Submarine Helicopter Acquisition Project.

The Department of National Defense and AgustaWestland Limited signed the Php5.36-billion contract for the acquisition of two AW-159 anti-submarine helicopters for the Philippine Navy in a ceremony held on March 29, 2016, at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin and Mr. Stefano Bortoli, Senior Vice President for Sales and Strategic Sourcing of AgustaWestland Limited, signed the contract for the country's first anti-submarine warfare capability as the AFP moves towards attaining a minimum credible deterrence posture.

“After more than four decades of aspiring to improve its capability, our Navy has found optimism in this anticipated acquisition of a new state of the art equipment and weaponry to address the requirements of anti sub-surface naval operations,” Secretary Gazmin said in

his speech during the contract signing.

AgustaWestland Limited emerged as the single calculated bidder during the project's rebidding held in November 2014, with a bid proposal of Php5,362,762,748.56. The Approved Budget for the Contract was Php5,405,000,000.00.

After a series of workshops for the crafting of the Final Revised Technical Specification and the conduct of the Post-Qualification Inspection, the DND approved and issued the Notice of Award, which was duly conformed by the supplier on March 22, 2016.

"With the eventual availability and utilization of these new air assets, our navy can conduct naval operations with a high degree of confidence and reliability," the Defense chief added.

The two anti-submarine helicopters are scheduled to be delivered 900 days after the signing of the Notice to Proceed.

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