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AREVA TA successfully completes initial testing of nuclear steam supply system for the submarine *Le Terrible*

It was an unmitigated success for AREVA TA, which managed the nuclear steam supply systems (NSSS) project: its teams successfully completed performance testing of the NSSS that will provide naval propulsion for *Le Terrible*, the nuclear ballistic missile submarine. The testing was a critical milestone for transfer of the submarine to its launching device on Friday March 21 in Cherbourg, an event attended by France's highest authorities.

During this phase, all systems were tested in actual operating conditions, particularly numerous innovations deployed by AREVA TA in the new generation device-launching submarine program (French acronym: SNLE-NG), including:

- ➔ secure, digital instrumentation and control systems; and
- ➔ acoustic discretion solutions that enable the NSSS to "blend in" with the ship's background noise.

"Having met this important milestone, AREVA TA will remain mobilized until *Le Terrible* has been accepted for active submarine duty," indicates Bernard Gauducheau, director of AREVA TA's Propulsion Energy sector. "We will continue to provide installation, testing, control and maintenance of the NSSS for this latest ship in the class, pending the next generation of the Barracuda class. AREVA TA has been filling this important industrial role for France's major nuclear naval propulsion programs for more than 30 years."

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