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ARES Shipyard Prepares for Serial Production of 122 ARES 35 FPBs

ARES Shipyard is preparing to launch serial production of the 122 ARES 35 FPBs (Fast Patrol Boats) that it will build for Turkish Coast Guard Command. According to information shared by the company on 20 March, the progress achieved since the contract came into effect includes the project design verification phase which is about to end, and the model tests, which were performed in the Critical Design Review (CDR) phase. Serial production of the boats is scheduled to start in the second quarter of this year.

Commenting on the issue, Utku Alanç, CEO of ARES Shipyard, said: "The project represents the largest volume serial production in Turkey's shipbuilding history and it will certainly put a significant record in the world's shipbuilding archives as well. The project is planned to last for five years and it will involve construction and delivery of 122-ARES 35 FPB boats to meet the needs of the Turkish Coast Guard. On the other hand, the contract allows for additional vessels which may end up with even twice as much. We will deliver six boats every two months based on our production programme. Thus, one boat will be made ready to launch in only one week... This is something only ARES can achieve!" ARES 35 FPBs will be used for such missions as combating



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irregular migration and smuggling, search and rescue activities, and exclusive economic zone (EEZ) security. The platform, the classification of which has been carried out by Türk Loydu, will be 12 metres long, 3.7 metres wide and will have a 0.80 meter draft. The boats, which will be powered by two diesel main engines, will have a maximum speed of 35 knots. The range of the boats has been announced as 160 nautical miles. ♦



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