January 2015, Bulgaria. – Transas reports positive progress of the Bulgarian Vessel Traffic Management and Information System (VTMIS) - Phase 3 project. Since its announcement, the project had met its required milestones and is ready to move forward to its next phase. Being a part of the European safety system SafeSeaNet, Bulgarian VTMIS is expected to be fully operational by mid-2015.

The main objectives of the project include installation of the new generation solid-state radars, a seamless integration of the existing radars and an upgrade of the Bulgarian coastal GMDSS system. Under the contract Transas will supply 14 VTS and 6 GMDSS Operator Workstations, CCTV cameras, RDF, Weather stations, 7 new Radars and AIS Shore-Based Base stations, meaning a complete retrofit of transmitting and receiving GMDSS equipment. In addition, Transas will enhance overall system with its VTS Simulators and 3D VTS software. Installation of new powerful data centres in Varna and Bourgas VTS towers will allow for full integration of all sensors into a single information system.

Today, Transas is happy to share first results and to report that almost all equipment has been delivered to Bulgaria. The Radars, VHF stations, VTS/GMDSS, IT equipment and software Factory Acceptance Tests were successfully completed. A lot of progress has been made in terms of civil construction works including manufacturing of nine communication/radar towers and submission of the general construction project for further approval by the Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development. Overall system configuration has been already accepted, with its final design to be released in February. Installation of equipment at four more sites was completed.

Bulgarian VTMIS - Phase 3 is funded by European Community grants and represents the national part of the Community SafeSeaNet vessel traffic and information system, ensuring effective and safe navigation in the waters of the member states. The project is based on the Directive 2002/59 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002.

Today, Transas is pleased to see the project progressing with high pace thanks to the great collaborative work of all involved partners. Separate thanks goes to local customer's team for their professional approach to work and their cooperation. Project is moving along according to agreed schedule and the system is expected to be integrated and commissioned by mid-2015. Transas will also provide dedicated support and technical training.

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