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BLACK SHARK SAILS THROUGH ANOTHER MILESTONE

Rendsburg, Germany – 13 December 2019. **Progress on NOBISKRUG’s highly-anticipated 77-metre Project Black Shark has taken an exciting step, with the arrival of the custom new build’s hull at the shipyard’s Rendsburg facility. The towing of a hull from Kiel to Rendsburg always marks a significant milestone in a new build project, and for Black Shark, whose construction has been meticulously charted by a few key media, the landmark event did not disappoint.**

It took the power of two tugs to haul the hull from the Kiel facility on the shores of the Baltic Sea, setting off at 10am in the direction of Rendsburg. Black Shark’s hull passed through locks before entering the Kiel Canal where it spent three hours travelling at the maximum speed of 8 knots. It completed the landmark journey on the River Eider, arriving at the state-of-the-art facility in Rendsburg at 1:30pm.

It is here where the highly-anticipated hull will be painted matte black to mimic the texture of the skin of a black shark (*Carcharhinus obscurus*). In contrast, the superstructure will wear a sporty, metallic silver colour to complement the mast, which is cleverly designed to resemble a shark fin. The dark exterior colour will wrap three decks which have been specifically designed by British studio Winch Design to emphasise the yacht’s voluminous 2,080GT.

"Following the keel laying in February this year, we are excited to see Black Shark entering the next phase of the build process, interior and exterior outfitting, which will commence at our facility in Rendsburg", says Fadi Pataq, Nobiskrug.

On her side, Imperial Director Julia Stewart added: "It’s a new milestone achieved for this exciting project, a step closer to the final delivery. Her detailed and astonishing black hull will certainly impress the world when will come the time of her first official splash into the water. Imperial and its team are proudly building, with the help of our esteemed partner Nobiskrug, the future of superyacht in all its qualities and superb. From now, every day is coming close to the delivery, and it looks very exciting to see the next achievements."

Imperial acted as Broker for the sale and continue as Owner’s Representative and Construction Supervisor throughout the entire build.

About NOBISKRUG

Celebrating its 114th birthday, Nobiskrug has been involved in shipbuilding since before the term superyacht was even coined. Drawing upon its extensive experience in building seagoing vessels, NOBISKRUG turned to yacht building completing its inaugural project in 2000 with the 92m M/Y *Tatoosh*. Since then, Nobiskrug delivered a select portfolio of innovative custom-built superyachts, reflecting the company's pledge to concentrate on one single project for one single client and build superyachts that will last for generations to come.

The shipyard can cover a building range from 60 to 426 meters, which is the maximum size of the dock available. Over 900 in-house employees work at the shipyard's two facilities in Northern Germany, where they have developed and built numerous internationally award-winning superyachts. With the delivery of the *Sailing Yacht A*, the German shipyard once again confirmed their powerful presence among the leading superyacht builders, while its latest project - the high-tech and environmentally-conscious, hybrid superyacht *Artefact* –cements NOBISKRUG as a true innovator in its field.

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