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FIRST 2 ITALIAN FREMM SHIPS UNDERGOING SEA TRIALS WITH RSL FIBER SYSTEMS' REMOTE SOURCE LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY

East Hartford, Conn. (September 2012) Italian Navy officials are currently conducting sea trials on the first 2 world-class Italian FREMM ships which are equipped with remote source fiber optic lighting systems designed by RSL Fiber Systems, LLC of East Hartford.

The market leader in advanced remote source fiber optic lighting systems solutions, RSL secured the contract with Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri to supply lighting systems for 6 of the 10 FREMM (Fregata Europea MultiMissione) anti-submarine warfare and general purpose frigates in 2011.

RSL's core technology, remote source lighting, provides safe, low maintenance, high-performance illumination by utilizing high-efficiency optical fiber to deliver light safely and effectively to critical or hazardous locations. The design for the Italian shipbuilder is RSL's first LED-based remote lighting system. The new technology is more energy efficient and has a service life twenty times greater than legacy metal halide.

"We are excited that we've entered the sea trial phase of this project," said RSL Chief Executive Officer/Chief Technology Officer Giovanni Tomasi. "It's an important milestone in the project. We look forward to the day when the warships are turned over to the Italian Navy for service."

RSL Fiber Systems provides advanced lighting solutions and integrated illumination systems for U.S. Navy ships including the LPD 17 class, the experimental craft "Sea Fighter," and the Navy's newest advanced destroyer, the DDG 1000.