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A MILESTONE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE – DELIVERY OF ICELAND'S FIRST SPECIFICALLY-DESIGNED SEARCH AND RESCUE BOAT

The Scout Search and Rescue Unit of Kópavogur (HSSK) today received Rafnar's first 10-meter search and rescue boat, Iceland's first specially designed rescue RIB. The boat, which goes by the name Stefnir, is based on Rafnar's revolutionary hull design and manufacturing techniques. As the first such RIB in use, the handover marks a significant milestone in safety and rescue affairs around the country.

"Stefnir marks a significant milestone in rescue operations, as it is the first time that rescue professionals in Iceland receive a bespoke search and rescue boat. All current and previous boats used have typically been received second-hand from the United Kingdom. The newest is already 17 years-old while the oldest is 37, so it is clearly an upgrade to receive a brand new, specifically-designed boat", said **Kristján Maack, Chairman of HSSK.**

"The boat is the first search and rescue RIB in our Leifur series, but the series has been developed, designed and tested in cooperation with HSST and the Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue (ICE-SAR). It is capable of reaching 40 knots, seats six people and has space for two stretchers. This is hopefully just the first step in the renewal of Iceland's search and rescue fleet and consequently in enhancing safety by Iceland's coasts", said **Björn Jónsson, Managing Director of Rafnar ehf.**

Rafnar recently delivered its new tactical RIB to the Icelandic Coast Guard (ICG), which will allow the ICG to respond much quicker than ever before to anyone in distress or in need of assistance. The delivery of the new search and rescue RIB to HSSK will undoubtedly revolutionize search and rescue assignments in the future.

"We now for the first time have a boat with a pilot house, making demanding situations more endurable, providing shelter for the crew from harsh weather conditions, allowing for better handling in rough seas and overall significantly improving the safety of search and rescue operatives", said **Kristján.**

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