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**VIKAL INTERNATIONAL AND RAFNAR SHIPYARD CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED.**

A unique and exciting co-operation agreement, with significant relevance within the future of luxury and limousine superyacht tender and support-boat design and construction, was signed during the week prior to Christmas between Australian bespoke limousine tender specialists *VIKAL INTERNATIONAL*, of Bibra Lake, Western Australia, and *RAFNAR SHIPYARD* of Kopavogur, Iceland.

Following 32 years of operation as an Australian boatbuilding company of unique distinction, and having delivered 51 custom tenders to yachts over 75 metres since 1992, *VIKAL INTERNATIONAL* have chosen to incorporate in future custom build-projects the new hull-and-keel technology developed and proved by *RAFNAR* and their team in Iceland over the past 9 years.

With *RAFNAR's* radically new patented hull-and-keel design-shape providing remarkable and previously unattainable sea-comfort and stability on the water - even in adverse or rough conditions - and with the exceptional build-quality, style, and immaculate finish of the *VIKAL INTERNATIONAL* tenders, a true marriage of excellence has now come into being through this co-operation agreement.

*VIKAL INTERNATIONAL's* unique tender products are in high demand in the super- and mega-yacht sector, and *VIKAL* are now very pleased to be the first in their exclusive market to offer the exceptional sea-comfort features so recently made available from *RAFNAR's* ground-breaking new technology, as an integral feature within *VIKAL's* already exceptional craft.

*RAFNAR* have pioneered and patented this new and revolutionary underwater hull-and-keel design, and launched their concept to the boating market in the Mediterranean and globally early in 2015 to very enthusiastic response. Private yacht-owners, Coast Guard, and Search-and-Rescue organisations alike have been quick and eager to embrace the new *RAFNAR* hull-and-keel technology due to the unique difference in vessel sea-keeping performance experienced with their craft - even in adverse or rough conditions.

Operator and passenger comfort is dramatically improved due to the displacement-type motion, stability and sea-comfort features that the *RAFNAR* boats exhibit at all speeds at sea. This has been achieved by dramatically altering the natural flow of water around the *RAFNAR* hulls within the traditional 'displacement principle'.

The first tenders incorporating *RAFNAR* hulls are intended to be offered to *VIKAL INTERNATIONAL* clients in early 2016.

**Quote from Gunnar Vikingur, Managing Director of VIKAL INTERNATIONAL:**

*"We are delighted to have signed this agreement. It gives Vikal immediate access to disruptive technology..."*

**Quote from Bjorn Jonsson, Managing Director of RAFNAR SHIPYARD:**

*"This agreement is an important milestone for us. In addition to bringing our Rafnar boats to market from our own production facilities, we are now sharing our hull-and-keel technology with other boatbuilders of recognised acclaim and excellence."*

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