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Grindstone, PA - Congressman John Murtha announced today that Shumar Industries of Grindstone, PA has been awarded a follow-on sub-contract from the Fayette County Division of ArgonST for \$1.25 million.

This sub-contract includes 20 additional winches for the U.S. and allied Navies, surface ship torpedo defense program. The first shipment is for the Royal Australian Navy ANZAC frigate HMAS Waramunga.

"I am extremely proud of the vital contribution made by Shumar Industries to this high priority U.S. Navy program," Murtha said. "Shumar's attention to detail and the thoroughness of their workmanship exemplifies the high degree of quality found in the 12th Congressional district."

Also included in the sub-contract is a prototype for a newly designed light weight modular winch which will be adaptable to ship size as well as fleet operational readiness conditions.

Additional efforts will be performed by Lesleh Precision of Belle Vernon, PA and Senoj Enterprises of Brownsville, PA, which is further proof of the high quality workmanship performed in the 12th District.

The modular winch will be incorporated into the next generation Surface Ship Torpedo Defense System designated the AN/SLQ-25C. Due to the fact that these winches are located topside aboard ship and on aft weather decks, corrosion has been a continual maintenance issue. As a result of this and the use of various composite materials, Shumar Industries has recently installed a modern state-of-the-art CARC painting system to reduce the corrosion and shipboard maintenance requirements. The use of these composite materials will also result in a lighter winch.

Mr. Eli Shumar, President of Shumar Industries stated that Shumar is very pleased to have this additional work and that all of the work will be performed in Fayette County. To date, Shumar has produced approximately 64 winches for Argon ST not including the current order for 20 additional winches or the modular winch. The U.S. Navy has on several occasions complimented Shumar on the high standards of workmanship and providing the systems on budget and ahead of schedule.