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Via E-mail

To: Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland

Dear First Minister,

INVITATION TO TYPE 26 STEEL CUTTING CEREMONY 4th APRIL 2023

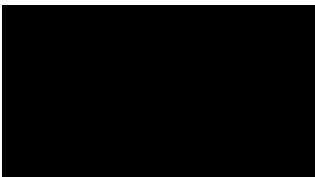
It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us as we ceremonially cut the first steel in Glasgow on a new vessel for the Royal Navy. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday 4th April at our Govan facility.

This event marks the start of manufacture of the fourth City Class Type 26 to be constructed by BAE Systems. The Type 26 is a world class anti-submarine warfare ship that will replace the anti-submarine variant Type 23 ships. It will be the most advanced ship in its class around the world.

This occasion allows us to gather with our employees and invited guests to celebrate a moment that means so much to shipbuilding both here on the Clyde and across the United Kingdom.

I have enclosed details of the day with this letter, I would be delighted if you are able to join us for this proud occasion. If you are unable to attend in person please consider sending a member of your team.

Yours Sincerely



Simon Lister
Managing Director
BAE Systems Naval Ships

The steel cut ceremony timeline is noted below for your convenience:

- 1015 Arrival and welcome reception
- 1040 Transfer to Ceremony location
- 1100 Ceremony commences
- 1120 Ceremony concludes
- 1200 Post-event reception and departure for those who do not attend optional site tour

Optional site tour

We would also like to offer you an optional tour of our Govan shipyard where you can meet members of our team who will share with you our ambitions for the future.

Timing for the tour would be approximately as follows:

- 1200 Refreshments
- 1230 Site tour
- 1400 Departure

If you would like to join the tour, please note that you will be entering a production environment:

- Access and egress to some points of the tour may involve moving to heights in excess of ten flights of stairs
- Movement between decks may involve vertical deck ladders
- Sensible footwear must be worn
- PPE (Hi-vis jacket, hard hat and eyewear will be provided)

If you wish to join the tour, then please confirm in your response, noting your preferred jacket size (S,M,L,XL,XXL).

To confirm attendance I would be grateful if you can RSVP to **[REDACTED – EXEMPTION]**@baesystems.com by **Friday 24 March**. Please also:

- confirm if you are joining the site tour, providing jacket size where appropriate
- provide the registration number of your vehicle if you are parking at our site
- please advise on any dietary or mobility requirements

If you have any further questions please contact **[REDACTED – EXEMPTION]**@baesystems.com

Directions

Please arrive at the Linthouse Gate to BAE Systems' Govan facility in Glasgow.

The post code for our Govan facility is G51 4XP, although Linthouse Gate is accessed from Holmfauld Road, which is found off Govan Road above the Clyde Tunnel. There is parking available.

