

BVT SURFACE FLEET BACKS SUPERNOVAS

Two dnp Supernova One screens have been installed in BVT Surface Fleet Buildings — facing each other across the River Clyde in Glasgow.

Established in early 2008, and bringing together the surface warship building and through-life support operations of BAE Systems, BVT's shipbuilding bases are located on the Clyde at Govan and Scotstoun.

As the prime warship contractor for the UK Ministry of Defence and selected export customers, responsible for major projects like the development of the Type 45 Destroyer programme, state-of-the-art visual acuity via large, high-brightness media display, was the top priority.



Thus during the course of last year they commissioned the Supernovas as part of independent facility upgrades, on recommendation from Edinburgh-based Scotia (UK) — their regular multimedia service supplier.

The commissioning of the 120" display at Scotstoun was the first and largest of its kind in Scotland. The 16:9 aspect ratio display with silver frame forms the centerpiece of the new integration, which has enabled the company's Clyde Boardroom to be fully HD-compatible — vital given the amount of HD content the company is now sharing with its senior executive.

Scotia UK account manager Ken Williamson says that this is now played out on a Blu-ray player, which they have supplied as part of the integrated package which includes a Projection Design 1080p twin lamp projector recessed into a mirror lift.

While preserving part of the old infrastructure — such as the Polycom video-conferencing system — Scotia also specified an intuitive touch screen SMART Sympodium interface, with interactive pen. "This becomes the front screen of your

PC or laptop, and allows the user to make the presentation from their seat," he says. At the same time the Symposium can also be built into a lectern.

Williamson confirmed that the Supernova solution was perfectly-matched to BVT Surface Fleet's requirements. "Most of our installation use drop down screens, and where we have the space we would generally use rear projection."

"But with these new high-gain, high brightness front-projection Supernovas we no longer have to worry about that as they will deliver the same result." It was not long before they backed up this appraisal by specifying an 84in Supernova display over in Govan.



BVT Surface Fleet's Isobel Bryce, who is responsible for the 20-seat boardroom's technology, says the senior management are delighted with the new integration. "The Supernova screen has absolutely delivered our expectations and made a big visual impact."

The Supernova family was purpose designed for high-brightness rooms. The underlying principle is the system's active high-contrast filter — the screen reflects the projected image while effectively absorbing incident light from other angles. The result is vivid, sharp pictures with up to seven times higher contrast than conventional front screens.

And as BVT Surface Fleet delivers its contract with the Ministry of Defence to participate in the production of two new 65,000 tonne aircraft carriers — the largest surface ships ever built in the UK — they can do so safe in the knowledge that they can review their visual material in the optimum conditions.

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