

Statement from COMMANDER OPERATIONS 28 June 2010

“Today the Royal Navy has released for publication the Service Inquiry (formerly known as the Board of Inquiry) into the grounding incident of HMS SUPERB on 25 May 2008. The detailed report identified a number of failings and made recommendations which I fully endorsed. The work on the recommendations is complete.

Having reviewed the case the Service Prosecuting Authority directed that legal action should proceed against three RN individuals. All three pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them and the sentencing was completed by Court Martial on 15 Mar 2010.

The Royal Navy has learned lessons from this incident and responsible individuals have been held to account. I have also taken steps to ensure that effective measures have been put in place to address the recommendations of the Service Inquiry and to reduce the risk of reoccurrence. I would also wish to add that the record shows that immediately after the incident SUPERB’s Ships’ Company response was simply exemplary.”