

# New night vision capability for Royal Navy

## SENSOR, AVIONIC AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

THE SANS (Sensor, Avionic and Navigation Systems) IPT has signed a contract with Chertsey-based Drumgrange Ltd for the supply and support of Night Vision Aids (NVAs) to the Royal Navy.

Initially equipping the Frigate and Destroyer fleets, with two sets per ship, the NVAs will provide a much needed capability enhancement for safe navigation and situational awareness.

The Gen 2+ image intensifier with a 4 x magnification lens offered by Drumgrange was selected from a range of products submitted for evaluation trials at sea by many of the leading night vision manufacturers.

In addition to the performance against the system requirement, rapid delivery and low through



**NIGHT VISION:** The new aid for frigates such as the Type 23 HMS Norfolk, pictured right.

life costs were crucial factors in the selection of the successful tenderer.

The project successfully met the Performance, Time and Cost boundaries approved in the Main Gate submission by Director Equipment Capability (Above Water Battlespace) and SANS IPTL, David Lascelles.

The first batch has been deliv-

ered to operational RN units with favourable operator feedback.

It is hoped to extend the procurement to other Royal Navy and RFA vessels in future years.

Upon successful introduction of the equipment, project management will transfer to CSE (Combat Support Equipment) IPT within the Defence Logistics Organisation.

