



**COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT
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**AUSTAL DELIVERS SEVENTH EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT (EPF7)
TO U.S. NAVY**

Austal Limited (Austal) (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce the U.S. Navy has accepted delivery of USNS *Carson City* (EPF 7) from Austal USA, during a ceremony held aboard the ship at Austal USA's shipyard in Mobile, Alabama, USA on 24 June.

This is the second vessel delivered by Austal USA to the U.S. Navy this month.

Austal Chief Executive Officer David Singleton said the delivery of the latest EPF is further evidence of Austal USA's success in efficient, modern shipbuilding and expertise in modular manufacturing.

"Our hard working, highly skilled workforce continues to deliver on this important program, which is redefining naval capability and exceeding stakeholder expectations around the globe."

Three additional EPF remain under construction in Mobile as part of a 10-ship, US\$1.6 billion block-buy contract from the U.S. Navy. The future USNS *Yuma* (EPF 8) will be christened later this (US) summer and will launch soon after, while modules for the *City of Bismarck* (EPF 9) are under construction in Austal's module manufacturing facility (MMF). The first aluminium was cut for *Burlington* (EPF 10) earlier this month and module construction has begun in the MMF.

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About Austal

Austal is a global defence prime contractor and a designer and manufacturer of defence and commercial ships. For more than 27 years Austal has been a leader in the design, construction and maintenance of revolutionary ships for governments, navies and ferry operators around the world. More than 255 vessels have been delivered in that time.

Ships

Defence vessels designed and built by Austal include multi-mission combatants, such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) for the United States Navy and military high speed vessels for transport and humanitarian relief, such as the Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) ships for the U.S. Navy and High Speed Support Vessel (HSSV) for the Royal Navy of Oman. Austal also designs, constructs, integrates and maintains an extensive range of patrol and auxiliary vessels for government agencies globally, including the Cape Class Patrol Boat Program for Australian Border Force. Defence vessels are designed and constructed in Mobile, Alabama and in Henderson, Western Australia.

Austal has been at the forefront of the high speed ferry market since the early days of the industry. Our market leading designs of high performance aluminium vessels have long been at the heart of Austal's research and development. Today, commercial ship construction is centred on our shipyard in Balamban, Philippines.

Systems

Austal has expertise in integrating complex systems into its ships, including ride control, ship management, and communication, sensors and weapon systems.

Support

Austal provides a wide range of support services, including through life support, integrated logistics support, vessel sustainment and systems support. These services are delivered through our global support network in the USA, Australia, Asia, and the Middle East together with partner shipyards worldwide.

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