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**AUSTAL AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SURVIVABILITY TESTING ON LCS**

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Austal Limited (**Austal**) (ASX:ASB) has been awarded an engineering services contract to support survivability testing on the U.S. Navy's Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship.

The U.S. Navy awarded Austal USA a US\$6,726,406 contract modification for the fabrication and assembly of a live fire test module.

The contract is in support of the U.S. Navy's Independence-variant LCS survivability testing program, which is critical to class qualifications and the ships' eventual deployment.

Work will be performed at Austal's shipyard in Mobile, Alabama.

Austal has a US\$3.5 billion contract from the U.S. Navy to build 10 Littoral Combat Ships, with five ships currently under construction.

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**About Austal**

Austal is a global defence prime contractor. The Company designs, constructs and maintains revolutionary platforms such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) for the United States Navy, as well as an extensive range of patrol and auxiliary vessels for defence forces and government agencies globally. Austal also integrates complex systems on ships, including ride control, ship management, and military systems.

Austal benefits from its position as a world leader in the design, construction and support of customised, high performance aluminium vessels for the commercial high speed ferry market, an achievement gained over a period of more than 25 years.

Austal's primary facilities comprise a dedicated defence shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia; a dedicated defence shipyard in Mobile, Alabama; and a dedicated commercial shipyard in Balamban, Philippines. The Company also provides vessel support services from its facilities in Australia, the United States, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

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