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AUSTAL USA DELIVERS THE FUTURE USS MOBILE (LCS 26)

Austal Limited (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce that Austal USA has delivered its 13th *Independence*-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) to the U.S. Navy, from the company's shipyard in Mobile, Alabama.

The future USS *Mobile* (LCS 26) is the fourth ship delivered by Austal USA to the U.S. Navy in CY2020, following the delivery of USS *Kansas City* (LCS 22) in February, USS *Oakland* (LCS 24) in June and USNS *Newport* (EPF 12) in September.

Austal Chief Executive Officer David Singleton said the delivery of the future USS *Mobile*, in Mobile, was a very fitting way to finish the year 2020.

"What better way to end this challenging year than with the delivery of the future USS *Mobile* in its namesake city. This ship is a fantastic tribute to the spirit and determination of the people of Austal USA and the City of Mobile," Mr Singleton said.

"Our warmest congratulations to the US Navy on the delivery of their latest *Independence*-class Littoral Combat Ship; another great symbol of the success of the United States defence industrial base and a highly capable addition to the fleet."

The *Independence*-class LCS is a fast, agile, focused-mission platform designed for operation in near-shore environments yet capable of open-ocean operation. It is designed to defeat asymmetric "anti-access" threats, such as mines, quiet diesel submarines and fast surface craft. The 127 metre high-speed trimaran hull warship integrates new technology and capability to support current and future mission capability from deep water to the littorals.

Four LCSs are presently under various stages of construction at Austal USA's Mobile, Alabama shipyard; Assembly continues on the future USS *Savannah* (LCS 28) and USS *Canberra* (LCS 30), while modules for the future USS *Santa Barbara* (LCS 32), USS *Augusta* (LCS 34) are under construction in the module manufacturing facility (MMF). The future USS *Kingsville* (LCS 36) and USS *Pierre* (LCS 38) are under contract.

Austal USA is also under contract to build 14 Expeditionary Fast Transport vessels (EPF) for the U.S. Navy, with 12 vessels delivered, an additional vessel under construction and one scheduled.



The future USS Mobile (LCS26) is the 13th Independence-class Littoral Combat Ship to be delivered by Austal USA (Image: Austal)

This ASX announcement has been approved and authorised for release by David Singleton, Austal Limited's Chief Executive Officer.

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About Austal:

Austal is Australia's global shipbuilder and defence prime contractor designing, constructing and sustaining some of the world's most advanced commercial and defence vessels.

For more than 30 years Austal has contracted more than 340 vessels for over 121 commercial and defence operators in 59 countries, worldwide.

Austal is Australia's largest defence exporter and first ASX-listed shipbuilder. Austal has industry-leading shipyards in Australia, the United States of America, Philippines and Vietnam with service centres worldwide, including the Middle East.

Austal delivers iconic monohull, catamaran and trimaran commercial vessel platforms – including the world's largest trimaran ferry and multiple defence programs such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) for the United States Navy.

Austal has grown to become the world's largest aluminium shipbuilder and is Australia's largest defence exporter.

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