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**AUSTAL AWARDED U.S. NAVY CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR  
USS *JACKSON* (LCS 6) SHOCK TRIALS SUPPORT**

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Austal Limited (Austal) (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce it has been awarded a US\$11,239,032 cost-plus-fixed-fee contract modification from the U.S. Navy to provide emergent availability planning and full ship shock trials (FSST) support for tests to be conducted on Littoral Combat Ship USS *JACKSON* (LCS 6).

Specifically, Austal USA will plan for and conduct any “in-between shot” repairs required during the FSST event(s), repair any damage sustained during the FSST period and coordinate the removal of FSST testing equipment and instrumentation following completion of the trials.

The FSST comprise a series of tests designed to demonstrate the ship’s ability to withstand the effects of nearby underwater explosions and retain required capability. USS *JACKSON* has successfully completed the first of three trials and is performing as expected.

Austal delivered USS *JACKSON* (LCS 6) to the U.S. Navy on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and last week delivered the future USS *MONTGOMERY* (LCS 8).

Six additional Independent-variant LCS remain under construction at Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama as part of an 11-ship contract worth over US\$3.5 billion from the U.S. Navy. The future USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS* (LCS 10), *OMAHA* (LCS 12) and *MANCHESTER* (LCS 14) are all preparing for sea trials. Assembly is well underway on *TULSA* (LCS 16) and *CHARLESTON* (LCS 18) while modules for *CINCINNATI* (LCS 20) are under construction in Austal’s industry-leading module manufacturing facility (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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