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## AUSTAL USA DELIVERS THE FUTURE USS SANTA BARBARA [LCS 32] TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY

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Austal Limited (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce that Austal USA has delivered the future USS *Santa Barbara* (LCS 32) to the United States Navy.

*Santa Barbara* is the 16<sup>th</sup> Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) to be constructed by Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama.

Austal Limited Chief Executive Officer said the delivery of the *Santa Barbara* demonstrated Austal USA's capability to maintain the delivery schedule of multiple naval vessel programs, while expanding shipbuilding capacity.

"Austal USA has continued delivering both the LCS and EPF (Expeditionary Fast Transport) programs for the US Navy while also establishing, opening, and now operating, a new steel shipbuilding facility, which is a credit to the entire team," Mr Gregg said

"To deliver another LCS while preparing for the start of construction of multiple steel vessel programs, including the Navajo-class Towing Salvage and Rescue (T-ATS) ships, is an outstanding achievement. The Austal USA team has proven yet again they are up to the challenge, and I congratulate them and the Navy on this latest milestone."

Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) are built to operate in near-shore environments and support forward presence, maritime security, sea control and deterrence missions. Several Austal USA-built *Independence*-variant LCS have been deployed to the Western Pacific within the last year, including USS *Jackson* (LCS 6), USS *Tulsa* (LCS 16) and USS *Charleston* (LCS 18).

Austal USA is currently constructing three 127 metre LCS, including the recently launched future USS *Augusta* (LCS 34). Final assembly is underway on the future USS *Kingsville* (LCS 36) and modules are under construction for the future USS *Pierre* (LCS 38).

Austal USA is also constructing several 103 metre EPF vessels and construction has just begun on the first of two 80 metre, steel *Navajo*-class Towing, Salvage, and Rescue Ships (T-ATS) for the United States Navy.

The company is also under contract to construct a 211 metre Auxiliary Floating Dry Dock Medium (AFDM) for the United States Navy - and up to eleven 110 metre, *Heritage*-class Offshore Patrol Cutters for the United States Coast Guard.

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



*Austal USA has delivered LCS 32, the future USS Santa Barbara to the United States Navy (Image: Austal USA)*

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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.

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