





2008/2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of shareholders will be held on: 21 October 2008

3.00pm

The Fremantle Sailing Club,
"Success Harbour", Marine Terrace,
Fremantle, Western Australia.

Dividend Payment

The final dividend will be paid to shareholders on 9 October 2008 to those registered at 5pm on 25 September 2008.

The Directors' Report, Concise Financial Report and Independent Audit Report contained within this document represent a Concise Report.

The 2008 Concise Report has been derived from Austal Limited's 2008 Annual Report. The financial statements included in the Concise Report cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of Austal Limited's financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities as provided by the 2008 Annual Report.

2008 Annual Report

A copy of the Austal Limited's 2008 Annual Report, together with the Independent Audit Report and Corporate Governance Statement, is available to all shareholders, and will be sent to shareholders without charge upon request. The financial statements can be requested by telephone on +61 8 9410 1111.

Front cover: The 127m trimaran Littoral Combat Ship "Independence", built for the US Navy, commences rollout from Austal USA's facility in late April 2008.

Above: Austal USA staff celebrate completion of the first of two 107 metre vehicle-passenger catamarans for Hawaii Superferry.

Right: LCS-2 "Independence" prepares for launch at Austal USA.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I am pleased to report a record result for the 2008 financial year. Ongoing improvements were made to the production processes in our Australian operations which are progressively being introduced to the US. With the worsening outlook for the global economy and a steep increase in the price of fuel-oil, the commercial market is slowing, creating challenging business conditions for the 2009 fiscal year. Our company is therefore focussing its sales efforts on the military market and investing in the development of "state of the art" production facilities in the USA in order to maximise our defence related opportunities.

Effective from 22 August 2008, I stepped down from executive duties to become the Non Executive Chairman. Bob Browning assumed day to day control as the Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer.

With the growth of the USA operation critical to Austal's future success, we are fortunate to have a person of Bob's calibre on the team and I will continue to assist in the strategic direction and marketing of the business going forward.

During the year, our Australian yards received orders for the construction of four additional fast ferries and nine police and patrol boats.

The Defence related orders highlight Austal's growing status in this important sector, which is more resilient to rising fuel and finance costs.

In the USA, we celebrated the launch in April of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) trimaran that provides a spectacular sight in front of the shipyard. Following the installation of combat systems, the new ship will be sea trialled and tested in the latter part of this year and early next year. New orders for LCSs are budgeted in the 2008 / 2009 financial year, notwithstanding the cancellation of the second LCS due to current program difficulties. The future for the LCS program remains bright with a continued prospect of up to 55 LCSs to be ordered.

In addition to the ongoing construction of the second Hawaii Superferry and the completion of our first LCS, Austal USA is one of three shipyards to receive a Navy contract for the preliminary design of the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV). With a final design and construction contract for up to ten ships expected to be awarded in the last quarter of calendar 2008, Austal USA, as the only established large aluminium shipbuilder in the US, is a strong candidate for success with this contract.

I thank our staff and shareholders for the ongoing support of the company and look forward to my continuing albeit changing role in assisting with the next phase of growth for the group.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Rothwell", written over a white background.

John Rothwell AO
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN





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OPERATING AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Group operating profit after tax for the year was \$52.273 million compared with the previous year of \$45.791 million.

Revenue has increased by 15% over the previous year whilst net operating profit before tax has increased by 11%. Lower margins on the Littoral Combat Ship in the USA resulted in a lower group margin. Overhead costs in the USA were higher as a result of bidding for major Navy contracts. Progress payments paid in advance on a significant contract has resulted in higher interest income during the period.

Tax credits in the USA for Hurricane Katrina reduced the tax charge for the year by \$2.284 million.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Revenue	626,141	543,608
EBITDA	59,212	63,935
Depreciation & Amortisation	(6,604)	(5,398)
EBIT	52,608	58,537
Net Interest Received	18,149	5,219
Operating Profit Before Tax	70,757	63,756
Tax Expense	(18,484)	(17,965)
Operating Profit After Tax	52,273	45,791
% EBIT/Revenue	8.4	10.8
Basic Earnings Per Share (cps)	28.3	24.4
Net Assets	218,734	209,534
Return On Equity (%)	23.9	21.5

A dividend of 13 cents per share fully franked is to be paid on 9 October 2008. A dividend of 12 cents per share fully franked was paid on 11 October 2007.

AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONS

New orders were received for an additional four Venetian 48 metre ferries, three 22 metre catamaran police boats for Queensland and six 30 metre patrol boats for the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard that includes a five-year maintenance and support contract.

During the year, Austal completed a 65 metre vehicle-passenger ferry for the Sultanate of Oman, the final three 57 metre Armidale Class Patrol Boats for the Royal Australian Navy, the second 88 metre vehicle-passenger ferry for the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and seven 48 metre fast ferries for delivery to the Venetian Resort in Macau.

Under construction are two 69 metre and two 88 metre vehicle-passenger ferries for a single customer, two 48 metre passenger ferries for Hong Kong, a 36 metre private vessel, a 65 metre vehicle-passenger ferry for Oman and three 48 metre passenger ferries from the original ten boat Venetian order.

The Henderson operations are now fully converted to a modular manufacturing process which facilitates improved efficiencies and allows lower skill levels to be employed. Some of the production processes have been mechanised and further upgrades will be introduced during the following year. The full benefits of these developments will be realised in future years and will be introduced into the Group's other operations, particularly the USA.

USA OPERATIONS

The first 127 metre LCS was launched in April and following final fitout and installation of combat systems is expected to commence sea trials in early 2009. During the year work also continued on the second 107 metre Hawaii Superferry.

In November, the US Navy cancelled the second General Dynamics Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) contract pending a review of its acquisition strategy for this program. Austal is the builder of the LCS sea frame in the General Dynamics Team. In May, General Dynamics submitted a new bid for up to three new LCSs being offered on a fixed-price incentive basis in the 2008 and 2009 US fiscal defence budgets, the outcome of which is expected to be known by the end of calendar year 2008.

A US \$3 million Preliminary Design Contract from the US Navy was awarded to Austal USA as the prime contractor in January to complete a Phase I proposal for the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) Program. The proposal was submitted in July 2008 with a single Phase II contract to be awarded later this calendar year for detail design and construction of the lead JHSV with options to build up to ten ships.

Austal USA was able to bid as prime contractor for the JHSV Program due to receiving a facility clearance by the US Department of Defence during the year.

In December, Austal USA was awarded a US Navy \$33 million grant (Infrastructure Improvements at Gulf Coast Shipyards – Katrina Infrastructure Improvements) in which a portion of the costs will be reimbursed for the planned Modular Manufacturing Facility (MMF) expansion program due to start in July 2008. As at 30 June 2008, no proceeds from this funding had been received.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Continued improvements to construction efficiency and equipment upgrades have resulted in a reduction in energy consumption.

Austal plays a leading role in achieving energy efficient solutions both at its shipyards and in the vessels it designs. Commercial and defence operators continue to recognise the multiple roles for Austal's lightweight vessel designs and the role they can play in reducing energy consumption and improving transport efficiency.

PEOPLE

Austal continues to strive to improve the risk awareness and working environment for its employees. This has resulted in a continuation of the previously achieved safety performance far in excess of industry standards.

Employment levels in Australia have stabilised with a total workforce of 1,518.

Austal USA is currently operating with 1,022 people subject to the announcement of new contracts that will require further employee recruitment.

OUTLOOK

Successful contract awards for additional LCS vessels and the JHSV Program will provide substantial growth in the US from 2010 onwards.

High fuel prices and the credit crisis in the banking sector have slowed demand for commercial ferries. Opportunities remain for sales in the defence and leisure sectors.

As of 30 June 2008, contracts on hand to be completed across the 2009 to 2010 financial years amounted to \$320 million.



John Rothwell AO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PROFILE OF DIRECTORS



JOHN ROTHWELL, AO
NON EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
Director since 9 October 1987
Last elected: 22 October 2007

With in excess of 30 years experience in boat and shipbuilding, John Rothwell has played a major role in the development of the Australian aluminium shipbuilding industry and is a Founding Director of Austal.

In June 2004, John was appointed a Council member of the Australian National Maritime Museum and became Chairman of the Capital Works Committee of that organisation in November 2005.

In January 2004, John Rothwell was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian shipbuilding industry through the development of trade links and for significant contributions to vocational education and training. In October 2002, John Rothwell was named the Ernst & Young "Australian Entrepreneur of the Year".

John stepped down as Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on 22 August to continue as Non Executive Chairman.

MICHAEL ATKINSON, CA (ZIM), CA (SA)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FINANCE & COMPANY SECRETARY
Director since 14 September 1994
Last elected: 14 October 2005

Michael Atkinson joined Austal in 1990 as Financial Controller and was appointed to the Board in 1994. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant with 10 years experience in the accounting profession. On leaving the profession, he entered the railway and construction industry where he served in a senior financial capacity and as a Board member.

CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, (B.Eng Hons)
NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Director since 9 October 1987
Last elected: 16 October 2006

Chris Norman is one of the Founding Directors of Austal. He graduated from the University of New South Wales in 1986 with first class honours in Naval Architecture and has previously been Austal's Technical Director. Mr Norman has been a driving force in the technical and marketing success of the company and, with extensive experience in international marketing and sales, held the position of Sales Director between 1993 and 2002.

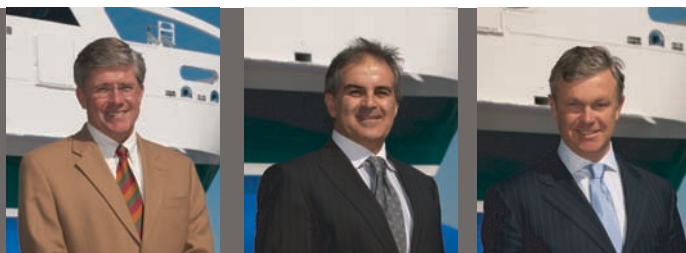
In May 2000, Chris was awarded the prestigious A.G.M. Michell Award in recognition of outstanding service in the profession of Mechanical Engineering. He is a member of both the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and the Germanischer Lloyd Asean Committee.

JOHN POYNTON, B.Com, SF Fin, FAIM, FAICD
INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
Director since 24 August 1998
Last elected: 16 October 2006

John is a co-founder and Executive Chairman of Azure Capital.

John is a Non Executive Director of Burswood Ltd, Multiplex Ltd and is a member of the Payments System Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia. He is Chairman of the West Australian Museum Foundation and a member of the Board of the Business School at the University of Western Australia, where he also serves as Adjunct Professor of Financial Services. He has previously served as Chairman of the ASX and Alinta. He is a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia.





ROBERT BROWNING, MSc, MBA, FAIM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director since 2 September 2003
Last elected: 16 October 2006

Robert Browning was Chief Executive Officer of Alinta Limited from March 2001 to 8 April 2007.

Mr Browning holds a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University, an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management.

Mr Browning held the position of Independent Director from 2 September 2003 until his resignation on 31 July 2007 to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer with Austal USA LLC. On 22 August 2008, Mr Browning rejoined the Board and was appointed to the position of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

DARIO AMARA, BEng (Distn), FIEAust, CPEng
INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Director since 16 August 2005
Last elected: 14 October 2005

Dario Amara is co founder, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Emerson Stewart Group Limited, an advisory, project implementation and development group based in Perth (ASX: ESW).

He has 29 years of Australian and International experience covering both the engineering and construction sectors, and has been involved in a number of senior leadership roles. He has a record of accomplishment in rejuvenating and growing businesses in new markets. He is a graduate from the Curtin University of Technology.

He is currently Non Executive Chairman of Mission New Energy Limited (ASX: MBT), Chairman of Heritage Perth and a board member of the Perth International Art Festival. He has also served as Chairman of the West Australian Opera Company and the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

IAN CAMPBELL
INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Appointed 1 August 2007
Last elected: 22 October 2007

Mr Campbell had a distinguished 17 year career as a Senator for Western Australia in the Australian Federal Parliament.

As Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer for 4 years, Mr Campbell initiated the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program including legislating to move Australia to International Financial Reporting Standards and reform of Accounting and Audit oversight institutional arrangements.

He is a former Member of Federal Cabinet where he held the portfolios of Environment and Heritage and Human Services. As a Federal Minister he also served as Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

Ian is a Non-Executive Director of Solco Ltd, ASG Group Ltd and Proto Resources and Investments Ltd. He is also a board member of Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation and Chairman of WVA 2011 Pty Ltd, organiser of the ISAF World Sailing Championships in Fremantle in 2011.

Unless otherwise indicated all Directors held their position as a Director throughout the entire financial year and up to the date of this report.

The maximum term of office for a Director on the Austal Board is three years, with the exception of the Managing Director who is exempted from retirement by rotation. Each year the longest serving one third of the Board must retire from office. A retiring Director is eligible for re-election.

INTERESTS IN THE SHARES AND OPTIONS OF THE COMPANY AND RELATED BODIES CORPORATE

As at the date of this report, the interests of the directors in the shares of Austal Limited were:

	Number ordinary shares		Number shares held in AGMSP*
	Direct	Indirect	
John Rothwell	33,724,685	-	-
Michael Atkinson	1,415,737	-	285,062
Christopher Norman	26,595,621	6,600	-
John Poynton	300,000	-	-
Robert Browning	20,000	-	3,000,000
Dario Amara	50,000	-	-

* This represents the number of shares (in substance options) held in the Austal Group Management Share Plan (AGMSP). There were no additional ordinary shares issued or options granted and exercised between the balance date to the date of this report.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities during the year of entities within the consolidated entity were the design and manufacture of high performance vessels. These activities are unchanged from the previous year.

RESULTS

The profit of the consolidated entity for the financial year was \$52.273 million after income tax (2007: \$45.791 million).

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

A review of the operations and financial position of the consolidated entity is outlined in the Operating and Financial Overview on page 4.

DIVIDENDS

A fully franked final dividend of \$24.449m (13 cents per share) (2007: \$23.039m being 12 cents per share) has been declared for the year ended 30 June 2008 to be paid on 9 October 2008.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

There were no significant events occurring after year end requiring disclosure.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE RESULTS

A general discussion of the group outlook is included in the Chairman's Report on page 2 and Operating and Financial Overview on page 4.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF THE AFFAIRS

A review of the significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity is outlined in the Operating and Financial Overview on page 4.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND PERFORMANCE

The consolidated entity has a policy of at least complying with, but in most cases exceeding, environmental performance requirements. No environmental breaches have been notified by any Government Agency during the year ended 30 June 2008.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2008, the consolidated entity employed a total of 2,540 full-time equivalents (2007: 2,353 full-time equivalents).

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

An indemnity agreement has been entered into between the parent entity and each of the directors named in this report. Under the agreement, the company has agreed to indemnify those directors against any claim to the extent allowed by the law, for any expenses or costs which may arise as a result of work performed in their respective capacities.

During the financial year, the parent entity has paid premiums in respect of a contract insuring the directors and officers of the consolidated entity in respect of liability resulting from these indemnities. The terms of the insurance arrangements and premiums payable are subject to a confidentiality clause.

REMUNERATION REPORT (Audited)

This Remuneration report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for Directors and Executives of Austal Limited (the Company) and the Group in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and its Regulations. For the purposes of this report, Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the Group are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Company and the Group, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the parent company, and includes the five executives in the Parent and the Group receiving the highest remuneration.

For the purposes of this report, the term 'executive' encompasses the Chief Executive, senior executives and general managers and secretaries of the Parent and the Group.

Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the remuneration of all Directors and makes recommendations to the Board.

Remuneration Policy

It is the Company's objective to provide maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high quality Board and executive team by remunerating Directors and Key Executives fairly and appropriately with reference to relevant employment market conditions. Other than the variable component and the share option plan, the remuneration policy is not linked to company performance.

Objective

The Company aims to reward executives and senior managers with a level and mix of remuneration commensurate with their position and responsibilities within the Company so as to:

- attract and retain exceptional employees ('key employees') that have the capacity to significantly impact the growth and profitability of the Company;
- align key employees' behaviour towards the growth and profitability objectives of the Company; and reward key employees for sustained contributions to business success.

Structure

The non-executive directors receive fixed remuneration, in the form of salary and fees. However, they do not receive retirement benefits, nor do they participate in any incentive programs.

The remuneration for the executives consists of fixed remuneration, being base salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits and variable remuneration as listed below. No element of fixed remuneration is linked to performance conditions of the Company.

To encourage the retention of employees, non-director employees of the Australian companies participate in an annual bonus which takes into account length of service and profits earned by the Australian enterprises. The bonus vests and is paid dependent on the employees being employed at the end of December of each year. The bonus is paid at the discretion of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Similarly, non-director employees of Austal USA participate in an annual bonus program. Bonuses to participants are tied to achievement of the financial objectives of Austal USA, specific growth initiatives, productivity improvement initiatives, customer satisfaction measures and employee satisfaction measures. Goals for each of the preceding categories are established at the beginning of each financial year for each participant and bonuses are paid at the conclusion of that year dependent upon the level of achievement of these goals. Such bonuses are reviewed and approved by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Ex gratia bonuses are paid to executives in certain circumstances for exceptional performance as determined by the CEO. These bonuses vest immediately.



Share Option Plan

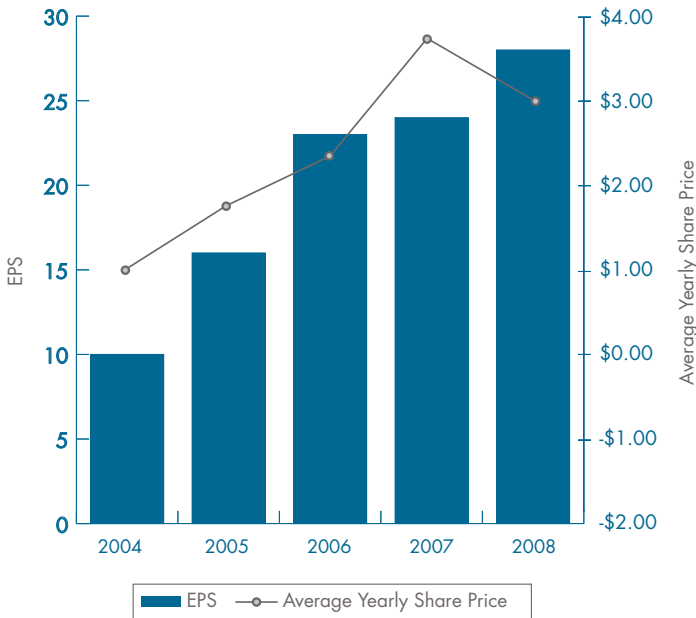
Objective

The Share Option Plan aims to reward executives and senior managers with the issue of share options commensurate with their position and responsibilities within the Company so as to:

- attract and retain exceptional employees ('key employees') that have the capacity to significantly impact the growth and profitability of the Company;
- align key employees' behaviour towards the growth and profitability objectives of the Company; and reward key employees for sustained contributions to business success.

Group performance

The graph below shows the performance of the Company as compared to the movement in the Company's earnings per share over time.



Note: all the financial years except 2004 are based on the Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('AIFRS').

Structure

The share options are granted to executives and senior managers based on the eligibility criteria set by the Remuneration Committee. Eligibility for the plan will be linked to employee performance. The exercise of the options will vest after 3 years subject to meeting the company performance criteria.

Performance hurdle

The Company uses a relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR) as the performance hurdle for the share option plan. Relative TSR was selected as the share option plan performance hurdle as it ensures an alignment between comparative shareholder return and reward for executives.

The Company's performance against the hurdle is determined by comparing the TSR against the return of the Small Industrials Accumulation Index (or another appropriate index) for the three year period commencing on the 1 July prior to the grant date. If the TSR does not exceed the return of the Small Industrials Accumulation Index for a particular three year period, the series of options issued at that grant date would lapse.

DIRECTORS' REPORT continued...

REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

Directors for the year ended 30 June 2008

Mr John Rothwell	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer – resigned 22 August 2008 Chairman (Non Executive) – appointed 22 August 2008
Mr Michael Atkinson	Executive Director, Finance & Company Secretary
Mr Christopher Norman	Director (Non Executive)
Mr John Poynton	Independent Director
Mr Robert Browning	Director (Non Executive) – resigned 31 July 2007 Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer – appointed 22 August 2008
Mr Dario Amara	Independent Director
Mr Ian Campbell	Independent Director – appointed 1 August 2007

TABLE 1: DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

		Short-Term	Post Employment	Share-based	TOTAL		Contract
		Salary & Fees	Superannuation	Options	% performance related		
		\$	\$	\$	\$		
John Rothwell	2008	600,000	-	-	600,000	-	2
	2007	485,577	-	-	485,577	-	
Michael Atkinson	2008	319,824	-	10,218**	330,042	-	2
	2007	309,000	-	-	309,000	-	
Christopher Norman	2008	85,000	-	-	85,000	-	1
	2007	85,000	-	-	85,000	-	
John Poynton	2008	90,000	-	-	90,000	-	1
	2007	90,000	-	-	90,000	-	
Robert Browning*	2008	7,500	-	-	7,500	-	1
	2007	90,000	-	-	90,000	-	
Dario Amara	2008	93,000	-	-	93,000	-	1
	2007	93,000	-	-	93,000	-	
Ian Campbell*	2008	82,500	-	-	82,500	-	1
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	2007	1,277,824	-	10,218	1,288,042		
	2008	1,152,577	-	-	1,152,577		

* Director for part of year of 2008

Key management personnel including Group and Company Executives for the year ended 30 June 2008

Mr Robert Browning	Chief Executive Officer Austal USA – appointed 1 August 2007 Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer – appointed 22 August 2008
Mr Joseph Rella	Chief Operating Officer Austal USA – appointed 9 October 2007
Mr Greg Metcalf	Chief Financial Officer – appointed 1 February 2008
Mr William Rotteveel	General Manager
Mr Mark Dummett	Executive Manager – Operations
Mr Stephen Murdoch	Chief Operating Officer – resigned 4 February 2008
Mr Dan Spiegel	Chief Operating Officer Austal USA – resigned 15 April 2008

TABLE 2: REMUNERATION OF THE KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL INCLUDING GROUP AND COMPANY EXECUTIVES WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST REMUNERATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

		Short-Term			Post Employment	Share-Based Payments	TOTAL	% performance related	Contract Terms Note
		Salary & Fees	Cash Bonus	Non-Monetary benefits	Superannuation	Options			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
Robert Browning	2008	354,943	-	30,367	-	1,297,621**	1,682,931	-	5
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Joseph Rella*	2008	201,149	-	245,812	-	-	446,961	-	5
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Greg Metcalf*	2008	249,202	10,651	-	23,177	5,163	288,193	-	3
	2007	243,717	126,598	44,232	52,983	-	467,530	-	
William Rotteveel	2008	208,219	17,082	8,950	20,385	3,657	258,293	-	3
	2007	230,029	-	-	20,703	-	250,732	-	
Mark Dummett	2008	198,115	13,443	-	18,804	6,970	237,332	-	3
	2007	175,600	8,802	-	16,443	-	200,845	-	
Stephen Murdoch*	2008	311,754	91,743	-	26,314	(23,100)***	406,711	22.56	3
	2007	331,948	59,633	-	34,885	23,100	449,566	18.40	
Dan Spiegel *	2008	384,075	-	26,233	-	-	410,308	-	4
	2007	308,161	-	21,162	-	-	329,323	-	
TOTAL	2007	1,907,457	132,919	311,362	88,680	1,290,311	3,730,729		
	2008	1,289,455	195,033	65,394	125,014	23,100	1,697,996		

* Key management personnel for part of year of 2008

** Share-based payment in relation to shares (in substance options) held in AGMSP

*** S Murdoch options (280,000 options) were forfeited on 4 February 2008.

Contract Terms Notes

1. Directors fees only
2. Subcontract – no fixed notice period or duration. No termination entitlements.
3. Employment contract – one week notice period or duration. No non-statutory termination entitlements.
4. Employment contract – three months notice period. No non-statutory termination entitlements.
5. Employment contract – upon involuntary termination of employment without cause, a severance of six months salary will be paid.

DIRECTORS' REPORT continued...

TABLE 3: COMPENSATION OPTIONS: GRANTED AND VESTED DURING THE YEAR (CONSOLIDATED)

30 June 2008	Granted		Terms & Conditions for each Grant					
	No.	Grant Date	Fair Value per option at grant date	Exercise price per option	Expiry Date	First Exercise Date	Last Exercise Date	Vested No.
			\$	\$				
Directors								
Michael Atkinson	140,000	24 Oct 2007	0.43	3.60	13 Sep 2014	13 Sep 2010	13 Sep 2014	-
Executives								
Greg Metcalf*	50,000	13 Sep 2007	0.52	3.60	13 Sep 2014	13 Sep 2010	13 Sep 2014	-
William Rotteveel	35,416	13 Sep 2007	0.52	3.60	13 Sep 2014	13 Sep 2010	13 Sep 2014	-
Mark Dummett	67,500	13 Sep 2007	0.52	3.60	13 Sep 2014	13 Sep 2010	13 Sep 2014	-
Stephen Murdoch*	140,000	13 Sep 2007	0.52	3.60	13 Sep 2014	Forfeited#	Forfeited#	-
TOTAL	432,916							

30 June 2007	Granted		Terms & Conditions for each Grant					
	No.	Grant Date	Fair Value per option at grant date	Exercise Price per option	Expiry Date	First Exercise Date	Last Exercise Date	Vested No.
			\$	\$				
Executives								
Stephen Murdoch	140,000	17 July 2006	0.66	2.85	17 July 2013	Forfeited#	Forfeited#	-

* Key management personnel for part of year of 2008

S Murdoch options (280,000 options) were forfeited on 4 February 2008.

No options vested or were exercised during the year or prior year.

TABLE 4: COMPENSATION IN SUBSTANCE OPTIONS: GRANTED AND VESTED DURING THE YEAR (CONSOLIDATED)

30 June 2008	Granted		Terms & Conditions for each grant					
	No.	Grant Date	Fair Value per option at grant date	Exercise Price per option	Expiry Date	First Exercise Date	Last Exercise Date	Vested No.
			\$	\$				
Executives								
Robert Browning	3,000,000	22 Oct 2007	0.96	3.51	-	22 Oct 2008	-	-

TABLE 5: OPTIONS GRANTED AS PART OF REMUNERATION

	Value of options granted during the year	Value of options exercised during the year	Value of options forfeited during the year	Value of options lapsed during the year	Remuneration consisting of options for the year
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Michael Atkinson	60,200	-	-	-	3.1
Greg Metcalf*	26,000	-	-	-	1.8
William Rotteveel	18,416	-	-	-	1.4
Mark Dummett	35,100	-	-	-	2.9
Stephen Murdoch*	72,800	-	(165,200)	-	-

* Key management personnel for part of year of 2008

TABLE 6: SHARES HELD IN AGMSP (IN SUBSTANCE OPTIONS) GRANTED AS PART OF REMUNERATION

	Value of shares held in AGMSP (in substance options) granted during the year	Value of shares held in AGMSP (in substance options) exercised during the year	Total value of options granted, and exercised during the year
	\$	\$	\$
Robert Browning	2,871,300	-	2,871,300

There were no alterations to the terms and conditions of options granted as remuneration since their grant date. The maximum grant, which will be payable assuming that all service and performance are met, is equal to the number of options or rights granted multiplied by the fair value at the grant date. The minimum grant payable assuming that service and performance criteria are not met is zero.

Below: Construction continues on two 88 metre vehicle-passenger ferries for the Middle East at Austal's Henderson facility.



DIRECTORS' REPORT continued...

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The number of meetings of directors (including meetings of committees of directors) held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	Meetings of Audit Committee	Meetings of Nomination and Remuneration Committee
Number of meeting held	5	4	2
Number of meeting attended:			
John Rothwell	4	-	2
Michael Atkinson	4	-	-
Christopher Norman	4	3	-
John Poynton	5	-	2
Robert Browning*	-	-	-
Dario Amara	5	4	-
Ian Campbell*	5	3	2

* Director for part of year of 2008

Committee membership

As at the date of this report, the Company had an Audit Committee and a Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors.

Members acting on the committees of the Board during the year were:

Audit	Nomination and Remuneration
D Amara *	I Campbell * (***)
C Norman	J Rothwell
D Parkin	J Poynton
I Campbell ***	R Browning **

* Designates the Chairman of the committee.

** Resigned 31 July 2007

*** Appointed 1 August 2007

ROUNDING

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Class Order 98/0100. The Company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

DIRECTORS' REPORT continued...

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The directors received the following declaration from the auditor of Austal Limited.



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Austal Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Austal Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2008, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A stylized signature of "Ernst & Young" in a cursive script.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature of "Gavin Buckingham" in a cursive script.

Gavin A. Buckingham
Partner
Perth
22 August 2008

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NON-AUDIT SERVICES

There were no non-audit services provided by the entity's auditor, Ernst & Young, during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors

A handwritten signature of "John Rothwell" in a cursive script.

JOHN ROTHWELL AO
DIRECTOR

A handwritten signature of "M.J. Atkinson" in a cursive script.

M.J. ATKINSON
DIRECTOR

Dated at Henderson this 22nd day of August 2008.

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Continuing operations					
Revenue	2(a)	626,141	543,608	35,605	154,285
Other income	2(b)	3,458	2,343	179	6,086
Expenses (excluding finance costs)		(556,723)	(479,519)	(2,563)	(1,545)
Finance costs		(2,119)	(2,676)	-	-
Profit before income tax		70,757	63,756	33,221	158,826
<i>Income tax expense</i>		<i>(18,484)</i>	<i>(17,965)</i>	<i>(966)</i>	<i>(275)</i>
Profit after tax from continuing operations		52,273	45,791	32,255	158,551
Attributable to:					
Minority interest		-	692	-	-
Members of the Parent		52,273	45,099	32,255	158,551
		52,273	45,791	32,255	158,551
Earnings per share (cents per share)					
- basic for profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent	3	28.3	24.4	-	-
- diluted for profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent	3	28.1	24.1	-	-
Dividends per share (cents per share)	4	13.0	12.0	-	-

Below: Austal-built Armidale Class Patrol Boat, HMAS Maitland (foreground) in formation during Exercise Kakadu off Darwin.



BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	258,878	240,531	167,544	347
Trade and other receivables	12,440	24,424	131,276	225,348
Inventories	21,112	88,680	-	-
Prepayments	1,353	2,171	-	-
Derivatives	18,643	26,421	4,775	674
Total Current Assets	312,426	382,227	303,595	226,369
Non-Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,421	6,169	-	-
Trade and other receivables	19,321	14,838	-	-
Prepayments	646	965	-	-
Derivatives	-	687	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	106,657	99,014	39,714	33,009
Intangibles assets	1,601	476	-	-
Other financial assets	-	-	1,402	1,402
Deferred tax assets	328	77	-	-
Total Non-current Assets	133,974	122,226	41,116	34,411
TOTAL ASSETS	446,400	504,453	344,711	260,780
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	36,504	37,434	107,981	36,783
Derivatives	307	172	-	-
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	5,424	8,478	-	-
Provisions	26,996	22,901	-	-
Government grants	258	-	-	-
Income tax payable	11,990	-	11,990	245
Other	97,415	164,193	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	178,894	233,178	119,971	37,028
Non-current Liabilities				
Derivatives	-	10	-	-
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	17,138	24,478	-	-
Provisions	3,365	3,318	-	-
Government grants	14,601	11,322	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	13,668	22,613	-	202
Total Non-current Liabilities	48,772	61,741	-	202
TOTAL LIABILITIES	227,666	294,919	119,971	37,230
NET ASSETS	218,734	209,534	224,740	223,550
EQUITY				
Contributed equity	29,690	37,309	29,014	36,633
Reserves	(12,713)	(298)	285	692
Retained earnings	201,757	172,523	195,441	186,225
TOTAL EQUITY	218,734	209,534	224,740	223,550

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts from customers	612,884	515,055	5,784	2,445
Payments (to)/from suppliers and employees	(558,496)	(283,378)	22,891	10,846
Interest received	20,268	7,895	3,050	211
Borrowing costs paid	(2,119)	(2,676)	-	-
Income tax paid	(8,555)	(9,078)	(8,555)	(8,918)
GST refunded/(paid)	16,894	315	915	39
Dividends received	-	-	-	6
Receipts of government grants	6,494	1,170	-	-
Net cash from operating activities	87,370	229,303	24,085	4,629
Cash flows from investing activities				
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	565	681	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(20,940)	(23,634)	(7,929)	(830)
Purchase of intangible assets	(1,688)	(326)	-	-
Purchase of minority interest in controlled entity	-	(20,627)	-	-
Loan from/(to) controlled entities	-	-	181,692	12,345
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(22,063)	(43,906)	173,763	11,515
Cash flows from financing activities				
Payment for share buy-back	(9,489)	-	(9,489)	-
Loan advanced – in substance options	1,870	3,451	1,869	3,451
Loan advanced – others	(6,721)	(2,245)	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(8,120)	(14,187)	-	-
Option incentive plan fee received	8	-	8	-
Equity dividends paid	(23,039)	(20,789)	(23,039)	(20,789)
Net cash used in financing activities	(45,491)	(33,770)	(30,651)	(17,338)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,816	151,627	167,197	(1,194)
Net foreign exchange differences	(1,469)	(2,838)	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	240,531	91,742	347	1,541
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	258,878	240,531	167,544	347

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent					Minority interest	Total equity
	Issued capital	Reserved shares*	Retained earnings	Other Reserves	Total		
CONSOLIDATED	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July 2006	40,034	(6,176)	148,213	2,376	184,447	3,784	188,231
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	(3,085)	(3,085)	(75)	(3,160)
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	38,849	38,849	301	39,150
Transfer from cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	(22,556)	(22,556)	-	(22,556)
Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	13,208	13,208	226	13,434
Profit for the period	-	-	45,099	-	45,099	692	45,791
Total income and expense for the period	-	-	45,099	13,208	58,307	918	59,225
Equity Transactions:							
Premium on acquisition of minority interest in controlled entity	-	-	-	(15,925)	(15,925)	(4,702)	(20,627)
Options exercised	-	3,451	-	-	3,451	-	3,451
Cost of share-based payment	-	-	-	43	43	-	43
Equity dividends	-	-	(20,789)	-	(20,789)	-	(20,789)
As at 30 June 2007	40,034	(2,725)	172,523	(298)	209,534	-	209,534
As at 1 July 2007	40,034	(2,725)	172,523	(298)	209,534	-	209,534
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	(3,186)	(3,186)	-	(3,186)
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	34,220	34,220	-	34,220
Transfer from cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	(44,726)	(44,726)	-	(44,726)
Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	(13,692)	(13,692)	-	(13,692)
Profit for the period	-	-	52,273	-	52,273	-	52,273
Total income and expense for the period	-	-	52,273	(13,692)	38,581	-	38,581
Equity Transactions:							
Shares issued	10,530	-	-	-	10,530	-	10,530
Share buy-back	(9,489)	-	-	-	(9,489)	-	(9,489)
Options granted	-	(10,530)	-	-	(10,530)	-	(10,530)
Options exercised	-	1,870	-	-	1,870	-	1,870
Cost of share-based payment	-	-	-	1,277	1,277	-	1,277
Equity dividends	-	-	(23,039)	-	(23,039)	-	(23,039)
As at 30 June 2008	41,075	(11,385)	201,757	(12,713)	218,734	-	218,734

* Reserved shares are in relation to the Austal Group Management Share Plan.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY continued...
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent				
	Issued capital	Reserved shares *	Retained earnings	Other Reserves	Total equity
PARENT	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July 2006	39,358	(6,176)	48,463	177	81,822
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	587	587
Transfer from cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	(115)	(115)
Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	472	472
Profit for the period	-	-	158,551	-	158,551
Total income and expense for the period	-	-	158,551	472	159,023
Equity Transactions:					
Options exercised	-	3,451	-	-	3,451
Cost of share-based payment	-	-	-	43	43
Equity dividends	-	-	(20,789)	-	(20,789)
As at 30 June 2007	39,358	(2,725)	186,225	692	223,550
As at 1 July 2007	39,358	(2,725)	186,225	692	223,550
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	(264)	(264)
Transfer from cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	(208)	(208)
Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	(472)	(472)
Profit for the period	-	-	32,255	-	32,255
Total income and expense for the period	-	-	32,255	(472)	31,783
Equity Transactions:					
Shares issued	10,530	-	-	-	10,530
Share buy-back	(9,489)	-	-	-	(9,489)
Options granted	-	(10,530)	-	-	(10,530)
Options exercised	-	1,870	-	-	1,870
Cost of share-based payment	-	-	-	65	65
Equity dividends	-	-	(23,039)	-	(23,039)
As at 30 June 2008	40,399	(11,385)	195,441	285	224,740

* Reserved shares are in relation to the Austal Group Management Share Plan.

NOTES TO THE CONCISE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

This concise financial report has been derived from the full 2008 Financial Report as presented in the Austal Limited Annual Report, which complies with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views. This concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 – “Concise Financial Reports”, and the relevant provisions of the Corporations Act 2001. A full description of the accounting policies adopted by Austal Limited is provided in the full 2008 Financial Report. The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is Australian Dollar.

	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

Note 2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue from Continuing Operations

(a) Revenue

Construction contract revenue	588,648	514,651	-	-
Charter revenue	14,669	17,645	-	-
Rental revenue	26	24	2,555	2,068
Sale of scrap	2,530	2,604	-	-
Dividends:				
Related parties	-	-	30,000	152,006
Finance revenue:				
Interest from other unrelated parties	20,268	7,895	3,050	211
Discount adjustment on loans and receivables	-	789	-	-
	626,141	543,608	35,605	154,285

(b) Other income

Government grants	962	1,170	-	-
Profit on sale of investment of controlled entity	-	-	-	5,909
Other income	2,496	1,173	179	177
	3,458	2,343	179	6,086

	CONSOLIDATED		CONSOLIDATED	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000	Number	Number

Note 3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent from continuing operations	52,273	45,099	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (excluding reserved shares) for basic earnings per share			184,644,828	184,861,885
Effect of dilution – share options			1,374,627	2,381,474
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (excluding reserved shares) adjusted for the effect of dilution			186,019,455	187,243,359
Earnings per share (cents per share)	28.3	24.4		
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	28.1	24.1		

There have been no other transactions involving ordinary shares or potential ordinary shares between the reporting date and the date of completion of these financial statements. 3,672,417 potential ordinary shares have been excluded from the earnings per share calculation as they were not considered dilutive.

Note 4. DIVIDENDS

A fully franked dividend of \$24.449m of 13 cents per share has been declared for the year ended 30 June 2008 to be paid on 9 October 2008. A dividend of \$23.039m of 12 cents per share was paid on 11 October 2007.

Note 5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material subsequent events occurring after year end.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

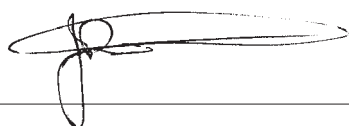
The directors of Austal Limited declare that the accompanying Concise Financial Report is presented fairly in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards AASB 1039 Concise Financial Report and is consistent with the consolidated entity's 30 June 2008 financial report.

With regard to the 30 June 2008 financial report of Austal Limited, the directors declared that:

- a) The financial statements and associated notes comply with the Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001;
- b) The financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance as at 30 June 2008 and performance of the Company and consolidated entity for the year then ended; and
- c) In the directors' opinion:
 - (i) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
 - (ii) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including sections 296 and 297.

The directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

This statement has been made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



John Rothwell AO
DIRECTOR

Dated at Henderson this 22nd day of August 2008.

Below: An Agusta 109 helicopter on landing exercises with "Shinas", the first of two 65 metre vehicle-passenger ferries built for the Sultanate of Oman.





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Independent auditor's report to the members of Austal Limited

The accompanying concise financial report of Austal Limited comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of Austal Limited for the year ended 30 June 2008. The concise financial report also includes the directors' declaration. The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors' Responsibility for the Concise Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*, and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the concise financial report; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Austal Limited for the year ended 30 June 2008. Our audit report on the financial report for the year was signed on 22 August 2008 and was not subject to any modification. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report and the directors' declaration of Austal Limited for the year ended 30 June 2008 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*.

Ernst & Young

Gavin A. Buckingham
 Partner
 Perth
 22 August 2008

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

The following information was extracted from the Company's register as at 22 August 2008.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES

	Number of Holders	Number of Units	% of Total Issued Capital
1 – 1,000	1,632	975,894	0.52
1,001 – 5,000	2,897	8,379,485	4.45
5,001 – 10,000	950	7,340,655	3.90
10,001 – 100,000	660	15,477,965	8.23
100,001 and over	53	155,911,422	82.90
TOTAL	6,192	188,085,421	100.00

TWENTY LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

Rank	Shareholder	Total Units	% Issued Capital
1.	Austro Pty Ltd	31,950,745	16.989
2.	Longreach (WA) Pty Ltd	26,595,621	14.141
3.	HSBC Custody Nominees	20,436,017	10.866
4.	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	14,139,216	7.518
5.	Onyx (WA) Pty Ltd	10,108,212	5.375
6.	National Nominees Limited	7,655,720	4.071
7.	Mr Vincent Michael O'Sullivan	7,344,627	3.905
8.	Austal Group Management Share Plan Pty Ltd	5,501,759	2.925
9.	ANZ Nominees Limited	4,487,650	2.386
10.	Bond Street Custodians Limited	3,808,734	2.025
11.	Garry Heys & Dorothy Heys	2,844,670	1.513
12.	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	2,240,007	1.191
13.	Lavinia Shipping Ltd	1,999,887	1.063
14.	Zilon Pty Ltd	1,773,940	0.943
15.	Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Limited	1,630,943	0.867
16.	Mossisberg Pty Ltd	1,534,945	0.816
17.	Pepperwood Holdings Pty Ltd	1,415,737	0.753
18.	Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	1,219,142	0.648
19.	Argo Investments Limited	1,200,000	0.638
20.	Australian Reward Investment Alliance	1,086,037	0.577
TOTAL		148,973,609	79.210

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

	No. of Ordinary Shares
1. Austro Pty Ltd (J Rothwell)	31,950,745
2. Longreach (WA) Pty Ltd (C Norman)	26,595,621
3. HSBC Custody Nominees	20,436,017
4. J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	14,139,216
5. Onyx (WA) Pty Ltd (G Heys)	10,108,212

VOTING RIGHTS

All ordinary shares issued by Austal Limited carry one vote per share without restriction.

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Robert Browning
Michael Atkinson

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John Rothwell
John Poynton
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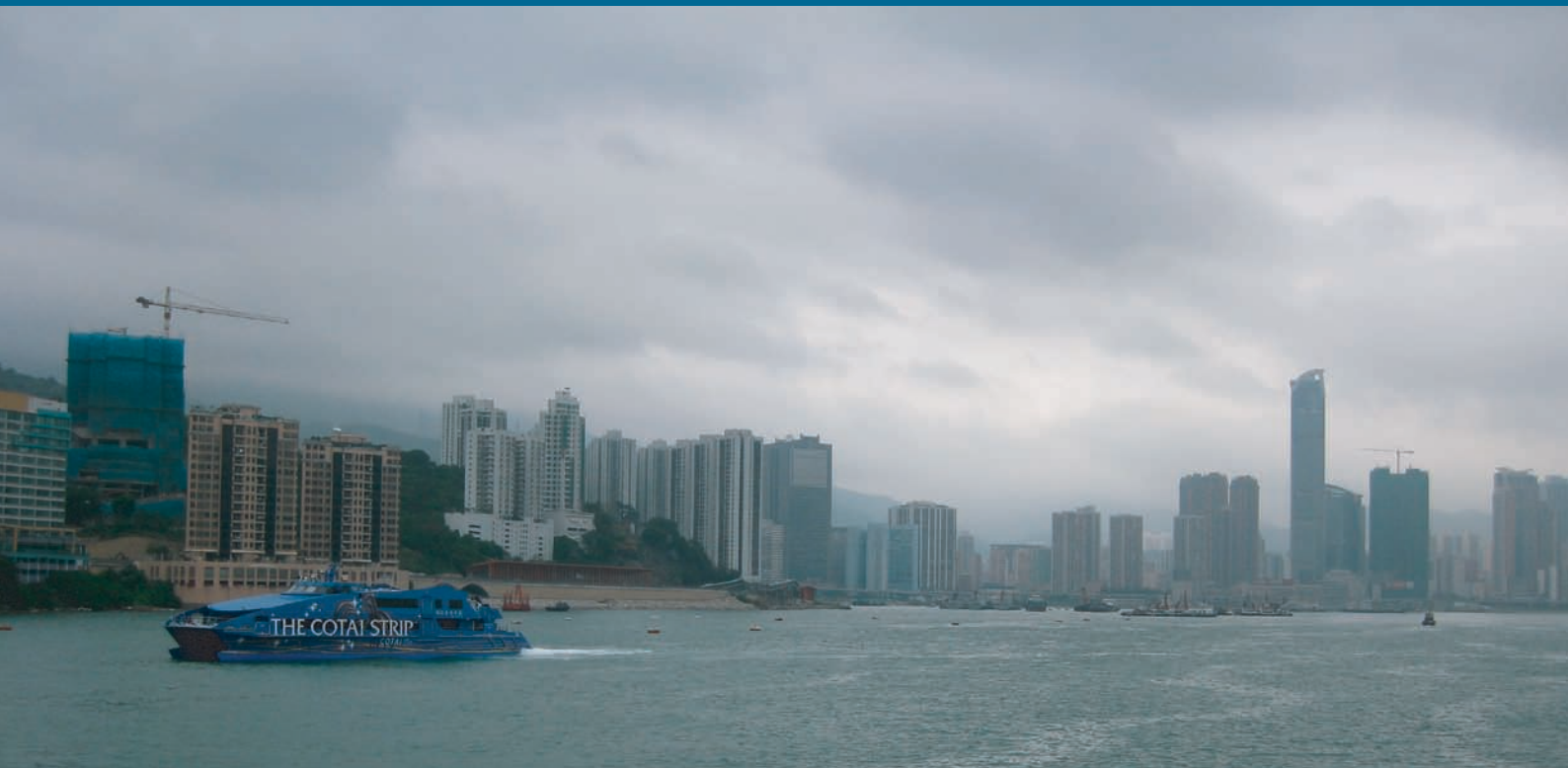
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Above: One of fourteen 47.5 metre passenger catamarans being built for Venetian Marketing Services Limited during operation between Hong Kong and Macao.

Back cover: Austal's facility in Henderson, Western Australia.



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