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**AUSTAL USA DELIVERS 11TH INDEPENDENCE CLASS LITTORAL
COMBAT SHIP – FUTURE USS *KANSAS CITY* (LCS 22)**

Austal Limited (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce that Austal USA has delivered its 11th Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) to the U.S. Navy at the company's shipyard in Mobile, Alabama.

The future USS *Kansas City* (LCS 22) is the first *Independence*-class LCS to be delivered by Austal USA in 2020.

Austal Chief Executive Officer David Singleton said the latest LCS delivery from Austal's USA shipyard builds upon the company's strong record in recent years.

"Austal USA's delivery of the *Independence*-class LCS program continues to impress, with quality, cost and productivity improvements being achieved with each new vessel.

"We have now delivered 11 of the 19 *Independence*-class LCS currently contracted and it's very pleasing to see more and more of these ships deployed around the world, adding great capability to the U.S. Navy," Mr Singleton said.

Upgrades to the LCS program continue to take shape, both in production and post-delivery. Austal USA and General Dynamics Mission Systems teams recently integrated a new over-the-horizon missile system onto the USS *Gabrielle Giffords* (LCS 10) prior to her deployment. *Gabrielle Giffords* and her sister ship, USS *Montgomery* (LCS 8), are currently deployed and meeting U.S. Navy operational requirements in South East Asia.

Five *Independence*-class Littoral Combat Ships (small surface combatants) are under various stages of construction at Austal USA including the future USS *Oakland* (LCS 24) and USS *Mobile* (LCS 26) that are preparing for sea trials. Assembly is underway on the future USS *Savannah* (LCS 28) and USS *Canberra* (LCS 30), and modules for the future USS *Santa Barbara* (LCS 32) are under construction in Austal's module manufacturing facility (MMF). Three more LCS are under contract and scheduled for production, through to LCS 38.

The *Independence*-class LCS is a fast, agile, focused-mission platform designed for operation in near-shore environments yet capable of open-ocean operation.

The 127 metre trimaran is designed to defeat asymmetric “*anti-access*” threats such as mines, quiet diesel submarines and fast surface craft. The ship successfully integrates new technology and capability to support current and future U.S. Navy mission capability in any operating environment.

Austal USA is also under contract to build 14 Expeditionary Fast Transport vessels (EPF) for the U.S. Navy. The company has delivered 11 EPFs, while an additional two are in various stages of construction at the Mobile, Alabama shipyard.



Austal USA has delivered LCS22, the future USS Kansas City to the U.S. Navy (image: Austal USA)

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 300 vessels for over 100 commercial and defence operators in 54 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 is the only foreign-owned prime contractor designing, constructing and sustaining ships for the US Navy.

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

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