



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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AUSTAL ANNOUNCES TWO NEW CONTRACTS

Following on from the recent successful delivery of “True North”, Austal is proud to confirm the signing of two new contracts for the construction of vessels to a similar theme configured for private and charter use.

The contracts are both subject to conditions which are expected to be fulfilled in the near future.

With a combined contract value in excess of A\$30 million, the vessels will both be delivered within 19 months. Both vessels will be built by the Austal-Image shipyard that specialises in this market segment.

Austal Chairman, John Rothwell said the contracts follow a detailed design and development period with the ability to reference the 50 metre “True North” providing a significant competitive advantage.

“Securing these contracts brings the total number of recreational vessels built for private and corporate operators to 13 making Austal-Image a leader in this category” he said.

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