



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT
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AUSTAL USA DELIVERS 14TH EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT TO UNITED STATES NAVY

Austal Limited (ASX:ASB) is pleased to announce that USNS Cody (EPF-14) has been delivered to the United States Navy.

Constructed at Austal USA's Mobile Alabama shipyard, EPF-14 is the first 'Flight II' Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) ship that features enhanced medical facilities and naval medicine afloat capabilities that will provide critical combat care in austere and contested operating environments.

Austal Limited Chief Executive Officer Paddy Gregg said the 'Flight II' EPF's provide a Role 2E medical capability that allows surgeons to perform medical procedures in an onboard operating suite, underway.

"Cody is the US Navy's first EPF to include enhanced medical facilities that enable a broader range of surgical procedures to be undertaken at sea, with 2 operating rooms and an onboard pharmacy, blood bank and laboratory to support missions," Mr Gregg said.

"The Flight II variants also have the added capability to support V-22 Osprey flight operations and launch and recover 11 metre RHIB's."

Austal USA and the Navy's Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) program team successfully completed acceptance trials of EPF 14 in the Gulf of Mexico in December 2023, involving the execution of intense, comprehensive tests of the ships major systems and equipment while underway.

USNS Cody is the 14th EPF ship to join the United States Military Sealift Command's global fleet. Austal USA is currently constructing two more EPF's (15 and 16) at the Mobile, Alabama shipyard.

The 103 metre *Spearhead*-class EPF ships are currently providing high-speed, high-payload transport capability and logistics support to United States Navy Fleet and Combatant Commanders around the world; and are representative of Austal USA's diversified portfolio

which includes surface combatants and auxiliaries, submarine modules and autonomous vessels.

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



Austal USA has delivered the USNS Cody (EPF-14) to the United States Navy (Image: Austal USA)

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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 35 years Austal has contracted more than 350 vessels for over 122 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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