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### **Luerssen Australia concludes negotiations with SEA1180 build partners.**

Luerssen Australia (Luerssen), the prime contractor and designer for the Australian Government's SEA1180 Offshore Patrol Vessel program, has moved to conclude commercial negotiations with its build partners for the multi-billion-dollar project.

Luerssen has confirmed subcontracting arrangements with ASC and Perth-based Civmec Construction and Engineering for steel fabrication and construction, SAAB Australia for the Situational Awareness System (SAS) and L3 for communications throughout the ships.

Construction of the first vessel for the Royal Australian Navy can now commence at ASC's Osborne shipyard before the end of 2018.

Austal will not be a participant in the OPV build team. Luerssen Australia, as the successful prime contractor chosen by the Government, considered Austal's proposal but is unable to engage Austal for the scope of work that was previously discussed. Despite being provided more time than any other contractor, Austal has not submitted a revised bid representing an acceptable value for money.

Luerssen Australia will now work exclusively with Civmec as its WA-based build partner to deliver this proven capability for Navy and to open up new opportunities for Australian businesses and suppliers by contributing to a sustainable and globally competitive industrial base.

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