

LUERSSEN AUSTRALIA CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN SOVEREIGN SUPPLY CHAIN

Luerssen Australia is pleased to announce it has appointed Tammar Contractors, a majority Indigenous-owned company, to provide yard services for the Arafura Class Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Program, based in Henderson, Western Australia.

Tammar Contractors is headed up by Larry Kickett, a former WA Footballer, and Simon Brennan, Managing Director of BRE Engineering, whose company is also a local supplier on the OPV Program.

The contract will see Tammar Contractors supply a team of riggers and support staff to work on the OPV Program.

Luerssen Australia Chief Executive Officer, Jens Nielsen, said it's another win for local businesses wanting to get involved in the defence industry.

"We are extremely proud to be engaging more and more local suppliers on the OPV Program, and we are happy to be working with Tammar Contractors, a registered First Nations supplier," said Mr Nielsen.

"Luerssen Australia is an Australian company, employing Australian workers, in Australian shipyards, using Australian steel to build Royal Australian Navy vessels."

Tammar Contractors Director, Larry Kickett, said he was thrilled to be joining forces with Luerssen Australia.

"We are very happy to be teaming up with Luerssen Australia on the OPV Program and we look forward to working collaboratively to grow our capabilities and contribute to the shipbuilding sector in WA."

Currently the OPV Program is achieving an impressive Australian Industry Content (AIC) percentage of 63%, with the aim of increasing this further.

Luerssen Australia's focus on growing the local supply chain is providing opportunities to WA owned small and medium-sized enterprises to grow and improve their capabilities.

With the Federal Government investing billions of dollars into the Western Australian shipbuilding sector over the next decade, Luerssen Australia sees a very bright future for the industry and is committed to investing for the long term.

Luerssen Australia is drawing on almost 150 years of shipbuilding and sustainment knowledge to support the development of a sovereign naval shipbuilding capability in Australia.

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