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CEA AWARDED $40M CONTRACT
FOR NEW AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOATS

CEA Technologies will supply communications and direction finding systems to Australia’s new patrol boats, following contract award worth over $40M with Austal Ships in Henderson, WA today. This event paralleled the signing of the principal contracts between Defence Maritime Services (DMS), Austal Ships and the Australian Government to design, build and provide through life support for the new Armidale Class patrol boats.

“These CEA systems are already in-service on Australia’s Huon Class Coastal Minehunters and Fremantle Patrol Boats”, said Managing Director Peter Croser, “and follow-on business from a satisfied customer is the best form of accolade.”

CEA’s communications system is a key capability of the new patrol boats, integrating the vessels’ secure, non-secure and internal communications systems and enabling the crew to communicate with a wide variety of military, government organisations and civilian craft. The WARRLOCK Direction Finding system aids in search and rescue and locating illegal activities.

This program also provides good synergies for other regional programs, such as New Zealand’s Project Protector, by offering common systems between the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces, in communications, direction finding and surveillance systems.

“This contract is a tribute to Australia’s indigenous defence industry”, said CEA President and Entrepreneur of the Year (Technology) winner David Gaul. “The days of government looking abroad to fulfil programs of this scale are well and truly over”.

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