

Sapa Mass Transportation seals contract with Austal Ships for Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) program. (Sept. 2009)



Sapa Mass Transportation received the first order for the JHSV contract from Austal USA today that amounts to approximately MUS\$2.7 per vessel. The scope of supply involves structural extrusions as well as Friction Stir Welded panels.

The JHSV contract for the US Navy is for 10 vessels over the next 5 years with option for 2 extra vessels.

Sapa Mass Transportation has been working with Austal Ships since 2004 and has delivered to several of their vessels utilizing our competences in Sweden, Belgium and Portland facility. As part of our strategy, we have put significant design resources and know-how towards Austal the result of which has been substantial increase of solutions supplied to the vessel compared to our previous deliveries.

Several people in the Sapa organization have put in a tremendous effort over the past 6 months to make the transition of supply from Sweden and Belgium to Sapa Industrial Extrusions in North America. Special thanks to Steven Keck, Application Engineer at SIE, Donald Thomas, Howard Somers and Henrik Nystrom, Project Engineer at Sapa Mass Transportation as well as Sweden and Belgium operating teams.

We would like to thank everyone for their efforts and how they have worked together to achieve this great milestone. We are confident that the North America team will make this project a huge success by our target of "On time every time!"

Sapa Mass Transportation has great opportunities in expanding the marine industry within the US and working together with Austal who is a world leader

in Aluminum high speed vessel construction will show that Sapa is the worlds' leading suppler of aluminum profile solutions.

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