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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

With respect to the Offshore Patrol Vessel program:

1. What additional infrastructure is being procured (or planned for)?
2. What has/will this infrastructure cost?
3. How is ASC positioning itself for this task? (ASC)

Answer:

Questions relating to infrastructure requirements and the anticipated infrastructure costs of the Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) program should be directed to the Department of Defence, given that the Department of Defence is managing the procurement process for the OPV program.

ASC Shipbuilding has signed a memorandum of understanding with Forgacs Marine & Defence Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cvmec Pty Ltd, to establish a Joint Venture (JV) company to construct OPVs in both South Australia (SA) and Western Australia (WA) should it be successful in securing OPV ship construction work.

ASC Shipbuilding has secured Teaming Agreements with two of the three shortlisted OPV designers (Damen and Lürssen) to support their OPV tenders, in conjunction with Cvmec/Forgacs.

The Agreements provide for the proposed JV and the designer to enter into a subcontract to build all 12 OPVs, should the designer's tender be successful.