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SOS MARINE SUMMARY

SOS Marine is an Australian manufacturing company developing specialised marine safety and rescue equipment for various maritime professionals including 12 countries defence forces world-wide. These designs are developed for water rescue and high risk marine tactical operations.

SOS is one of the few companies world-wide to purpose-design this type of specialised professional waterfront safety equipment.

SOS Marine has pioneered products for key markets such as the Australian Defence Forces -both Navy and Military, Customs, Immigration, Water Police, Police Air Wing, Coast Guard, Marine Pilots, SES Services, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue, Off-Shore Mining and Construction industries.

SOS Marine's products emerged as a result of developing equipment for these departments.

SOS Marine has enjoyed improving sales in both the leisure and commercial markets around the world with the new man-overboard innovations of the SOS Dan Buoy and Sea Scoopa.

The Sea Scoopa incorporates a stretcher to facilitate handling of the patient; both the Sea Scoopa and



Stretcher are NATO approved and tested to Royal Australian Navy Standards. This accreditation opens it to navies world-wide.

Marine professionals revealed the need to operate rescues differently. Both these two new rescue man-overboard devices provide a guiding light for professionals and end-users offering a new level in operator safety and functionality, especially in difficult and dangerous rescue missions like the Christmas Island operation.

SOS Marine has a 30 year reputation trusted to deliver new innovations with a proven track record of quality and high performance.

The SOS Waterfront Professional safety equipment has clearly differentiated its brand to existing marketplace choices.

AWD CREATES JOBS FOR HUNDREDS IN THE HUNTER

The workforce in the Hunter for the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Project has now almost 700 across Forgacs' two Newcastle facilities in Tomago and Carrington.

Construction of the AWDs involves the fabrication of 90 separate steel blocks, 30 each ship, as well as three additional sonar blocks at a number of shipyards in Australia and overseas. Forgacs is contracted to build almost half of the blocks.

Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare and Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson visited the Hunter company to review progress on the construction of the blocks.

"Each AWD will have anti-air, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare capability as well as the ability to embark a helicopter at sea," Clare said.

"Forgacs is playing a key role in delivering AWD and is also making a valuable contribution to discussions about the future of naval shipbuilding in Australia through the Future Submarine Industry Skills Plan," Clare added.

"The Air Warfare Destroyer project currently employs around 700 workers across Forgacs' Hunter sites compared with 400 this time last year," Grierson concluded.



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