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Dear Kerrie,

Cleansing Notice – Austal Limited

This notice is given by Austal Limited (ABN 73 009 250 266) (ASX code: ASB) (**Austal**) under section 708AA(2)(f) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Act**) as modified by Australian Securities and Investments Commission Class Order [CO 08/35] (**CO 08/35**).

Austal announced on 22 November 2012 an accelerated non-renounceable pro rata entitlement offer (**Entitlement Offer**) of 9 fully paid Austal ordinary shares (**New Share**) for every 10 Austal ordinary shares (**Shares**) held as at 7.00pm (Sydney time) on 27 November 2012 by eligible shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand and any other jurisdictions in which Austal has decided to make offers.

Austal advises that:

- (a) the New Shares will be offered for issue without disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Act as modified by CO 08/35;
- (b) this notice is being given under section 708AA(2)(f) of the Act as modified by CO 08/35;
- (c) as at the date of this notice, Austal has complied with:
 - (1) the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to Austal; and
 - (2) section 674 of the Act;
- (d) as at the date of this notice, there is no excluded information of the type referred to in sections 708AA(8) and 708AA(9) of the Act as modified by CO 08/35; and
- (e) the potential effect the issue of New Shares under the Entitlement Offer will have on the control of Austal, and the consequences of that effect, will depend on a number of factors, including investor demand, existing shareholders, the level of shortfall and any sub-underwriting commitments. However, given the structure of the Entitlement Offer as a pro-rata issue and the current level of holdings of substantial holders (based on substantial holding notices that have been provided to Austal and lodged on ASX prior

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to the date of this notice), the Entitlement Offer is not expected to have any material effect or consequence on the control of Austal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Strang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adrian Strang
Company Secretary
Austal Limited