



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ALUMINIUM BOATS AUSTRALIA BUILDS FOR CHINESE CUSTOMER Crew Transfer Ferry Marks International Build for ABA

Aluminium Boats Australia (ABA) has broken into the Asian market with an order for a passenger ferry for Chinese owners.

The vessel is designed as a catamaran platform for crew transfer operations in Papua New Guinea. With capacity for 52 passengers plus 2 crew the 19 metre craft will operated at a service speed of 22 knots with a full load deadweight of 6.95 tonnes.

ABA International Sales Manager Justin Merrigan commented, "The entire ABA team is delighted to win this important order from China. Important because it marks our first foray into Asia with a highly professional customer with whom we have great hopes for a long and fruitful working relationship."

The vessel's hull form has been designed by Sydney-based One2three Naval Architects and will provide excellent efficiency in order to minimise fuel consumption and through life costs as much as possible.

The vessel's configuration includes:

- Seated passengers accommodated on the main deck internally.
- Open-plan deck arrangement providing access for all areas to light and ventilation.
- Large windows providing generous views for the passengers and ample natural light.

#### Principal Particulars (approx): 19 metre Catamaran Ferry

Built:	Aluminium Boats Australia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Design:	One2three Naval Architects
Length (overall):	19.56 metres
Length (waterline):	17.45 metres
Beam (moulded):	6.20 metres
Draught (loaded):	1.59 metres
Main engines:	2 x Cat C18
Transmission:	2 x ZF
Propellers:	2 x fixed pitch 5 bladed propellers.
Speed:	22 knots service
Passengers & crew:	54

Survey: Uniform Shipping Laws (USL) IC

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### Note to Editors

Aluminium Boats Australia (ABA) builds world-class aluminium and composite high performance light craft. Specialising in ferries and leisure craft, using the highest quality materials and latest construction techniques, ABA provides tailored solutions to commercial and private owners alike. From its modern undercover shipyard in Queensland, Australia, ABA has produced a wide range of vessels in monohull, Wave Piercing and standard catamaran form, for a diverse range of customers. ABA also provides service support and engineering solutions across the industry.

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