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Team Austal USA,

I am excited to announce that Lewis Pace has joined the Austal team as our new VP, Supply Chain Management. Lewis joins us following a distinguished career at Huntington Ingalls, where he held various director-level positions in production support, material program management, and production control.

With a career built on operational excellence, Lewis is well positioned to help us scale capacity and leverage the technical differentiators that set us apart in the industry.

Lewis's previous experience includes operational leadership, process optimization, technical expertise, and strategic material management.

- **Operational Leadership:** Serving as a director for multiple programs, including the LHA Program and production support, where he was responsible for execution, cost, and technical performance.
- **Process Optimization:** Leading "Shipyard of the Future" initiatives centered on material and product flow improvements.
- **Technical Expertise:** Utilizing his background in industrial engineering to implement Six Sigma projects, develop labor forecasting models, and improve deck-plate performance through tactical planning.
- **Strategic Material Management:** Managing all operational aspects of Supply Chain Management and warehousing to drive waste reduction and improve visual management.

Lewis holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and a Minor in Economics from Mississippi State University and is a Green Belt certified professional.

Please join me in welcoming Lewis to the team and supporting him as he gets settled.

Sincerely,



Michelle Kruger