
LETTERS OF SUPPORT



National Defence Network

Extracts from letters of support

Department of Defence

June 99

This letter is to confirm that the Australian Department of Defence supports Australian companies, such as National Maintenance Products Pty Ltd, in their efforts to export quality products produced by Australian defence industry.

After an approach from the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) National Maintenance Products Pty Ltd has successfully developed a special purpose underwater adhesive to specific requirements. Until this time such adhesive was not available elsewhere. The company is currently supplying this adhesive to RAN.

HMAS Waterhen, the area of Defence that has dealt with National Maintenance products Pty Ltd, has confirmed that National Maintenance Products Pty Ltd is an innovative Australian company, is a reliable supplier and provides strong customer support.

Mike Lyons

A/Director General

Exports and International programs

HMAS Waterhen

May 99

We would like to keep you updated with the application of NMP 1530 Non-slip to our slipway ramp, which was applied to reduce the many problems we encountered when launching vessels from trailers. Since the application in Nov 98, NMP 1530 has drastically reduced the slip of vehicles, trailers and personnel. We have also discovered that since the application, the moss build up has been significantly reduced which has been a major safety issue to all personnel at HMAS Waterhen. The costs in down time, supplying chemical agents and labour to remove the moss has been reduced by approx two thirds.

We have no hesitation in recommending this product.

CPO Stephen King

Facilities and Properties Officer

Defence Material Organisation

Nov 01

Over the course of the last twelve months, National Maintenance Products has assisted this office with the installation of the NMP 5360 Phoenix Decking product for the RAN FFG Junior Sailor Café's. With the help of your team, we have completed three installations with unqualified success on HMAS Adelaide, Sydney and Darwin. The results have been encouraging. Tasked with the challenge of providing a practical flooring surface in the café that simultaneously reduced the noise level from nearby auxiliary spaces, we can confidently report that the noise reductions in the target frequency ranges are at the desired levels. The feedback from the ship's crews on the new flooring and its noise features has been positive, as well.

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*I would like to personally thank Peter Scott for the valued assistance and focused effort that went into the co-ordination of the café installations, especially the work conducted in Western Australia. This office appreciates his attention to detail and dedication to professionalism. Well done.
I look forward to working with Peter and your organization in the future. Once again, thanks for providing a quality product.*

LCDR Jack Starr
Engineering Manager

HMAS Hobart (TT 117 Test and trial final report)

Apr 00

The test and trial on the NMP 1320 epoxy deck coating trial no T98-014 began after the application of the product to the ladder from the port boat space to the Ikara launcher deck in Dec 98. since the application of this product, no visible signs of wear or degradation of the surface finish have become evident. The product has maintained its initial non slip properties and is weathering well. The product appears extremely well suited to this application and should be made available to the wider Navy population for using in similar circumstances.

The test and trial on NMP 1720 Kevlar reinforced underwater repair compound, trial No T99-10, began after the application of the product in May 1999 to the riveted strake of Fuel Tank 5-51-2-F. Since the product was applied, several formal and informal inspections have been conducted to ensure that the product is in no way failing. At the present point in time, no visible signs of breakdown are apparent. No repair work or further application of this product has been required, again, this product has been extremely successful in this application and should be codified to allow for future use within defense

From the information available from the duration of the trial, it appears that both products have been cost effective and successful in rectifying their respective defects.

LCDR CM Bourke
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