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The first of two 72m High Speed Support Vessels (HSSVs) Australian shipbuilder AUSTAL built for the Royal Navy of Oman was launched after 13 months of construction and fitting out in October 2015. The shipbuilder was awarded a contract worth US\$124.9M for the design, construction, and integrated logistics support of the two HSSVs in March 2014 and construction commenced in August 2014. This first-in-the class, RNOV "Al-Mubshir" (pictured), will be delivered to Oman in early 2016, offering a range of capabilities to support naval operations, including helicopter operations, rapid deployment of military personnel and cargo, as well as search and rescue, humanitarian aid, and disaster relief missions.

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