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EMISSION FREE MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Hi Matt Johnson,

Steber International have been manufacturing boats for domestic and overseas markets for over 70 years and 40 years respectively and recently have moved into R&D projects based around electric and hydrogen powered vessels.

1. We have completed trials on a 6.7m (22ft) electric hybrid prototype in collaboration with the University of Newcastle and Ampcontrol. Following successful sea trials we are now ready to commercialise the project if funding support is forthcoming. SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS: Yacht club tenders, marina tenders. Inshore security patrol boats, motel/hotel transfers, National Parks, commercial fishing applications in enclosed waters.
2. We are currently developing a hydrogen-powered 13.1m (43ft) foiling vessel. POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS: Defence, Police, Marine Rescue, Hydrographic Survey, other Government agencies with export potential as well.

Further details including drawings, photos and videos can be supplied on request.

PLEASE NOTE: Government support for such projects would directly benefit our factory growth (based in Taree on the Mid North Coast of NSW) via increased employment opportunities and tooling upgrades. Such support would also have an immediate flow-on affect for our local, regional and State-based supply chain members.

ATTACHED: Capability Statement.

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
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Steber International Capability Statement

Steber International is a family owned business operating on the Mid North Coast of NSW Australia, The business was founded in 1946 and is regarded as one of the pioneers in the construction of fibreglass vessels in Australia.

Originally producing timber clinker hull boats, Steber International changed to fiberglass (FRP) construction in 1959. The company has remained at the forefront of the industry and is now regarded as the premium manufacturer of commercial fibreglass vessels and composite components.

The company prides itself on quality and customer service with a diverse highly skilled workforce including pro-active employment of local apprentices and indigenous staff and 10% gender equity.

We operate under our integrated management system encompassing occupational health, safety and the environment. We are currently upgrading our Quality Assurance to ISO9001 accreditation.

Our manufacturing plant is on a 4 acre site with approximately 2 acres under cover allowing expansion if required to accommodate any project. The facility has designated areas of composite manufacture, construction, fitout, engineering, sheet metal (stainless steel and aluminium) and internal cabinetry, furniture and upholstery manufacturing facilities are also on site.

We fully own our Elizabeth Avenue property, plant and equipment and in the director's opinion and that of our external accountants, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to cover it's commitments as and when they become due and payable.

Our core business of composite component manufacture is all undertaken in our climate controlled factory allowing 24 hour production when required.

To date we have manufactured in excess of 10,000 boats under six metres and 336 vessels ranging in size from six metres – 20 metres.

We also have expertise in shaft powered, stern drive, jet powered and outboard powered vessels. Recently we completed 5 x 38ft Navy USV and Mine Countermeasure vessels providing additional skills and knowledge for all staff and apprentices, ultimately helping provide Defence and Security for Australia.