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Media Release

THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GROWTH CENTRE SURPASSES 1000 MEMBER MILESTONE

- Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre adds 1000th member to manufacturing network
- Incat Crowther is an Australia ship manufacturer operational in 17 countries
- AMGC and Incat Crowther collaborating to advance Australia's ship-manufacturing sector

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) has reached a landmark milestone, adding its 1000th member – Incat Crowther – to the organisation's Australian manufacturer network.

Incat Crowther is an Australian company specialising in the manufacture of ships across commercial, military and private yacht sectors both locally and abroad. Incat Crowther currently has 82 ships under construction in 17 countries, ranging in length from 20 - 125 metres.

AMGC is a not-for-profit, industry-led organisation established by the Australian Government to support the development and growth of advanced manufacturing in Australia. Via its initiatives, AMGC has contributed to an uplift in skills, jobs and revenues across the Australian manufacturing sector – benefitting the Australian economy and workforce.

Upon joining AMGC's network, Incat Crowther's Technical Director, Dr Andrew Tuite said: "Incat Crowther is pleased to join AMGC at a time when manufacturing across the globe is evolving to become more advanced and nowhere is this more evident than in Australia.

"AMGC enables us to connect with other Australian manufacturers via its networking events, access the latest research, highlights grant and funding opportunities and allows us to participate in peer learning via the Manufacturing Academy – and it's all complimentary.

"AMGC is assisting us as we transform the traditional shipbuilding industry into a smart-ship manufacturing sector to meet the challenges of developing bespoke ships for unique operating environments," said Dr Tuite.

Advanced ship manufacturing is a flexible, agile business model that meets the demands of market fluctuations, new technology and innovation, regulatory changes and the requirement by the ship operator, for quality control processes and build cost efficiencies

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Dr Jens Goennemann, Managing Director of AMGC, said: "Since our foundation, AMGC has been able to build an enviable network of Australian manufacturers who are actively engaged in advancing their industry and workforce skills, and we welcome Incat Crowther to our membership base.

"Over the past four years, AMGC has had the privilege of working across a multitude of sectors. When it comes to advanced manufacturing AMGC uncovers and fosters great examples of Australian manufacturing capabilities to rival any country.

"While all the right signals are there, Australian manufacturers can do more to embrace advanced manufacturing principles. We aim to build an Australian manufacturing industry that is highly skilled and resilient, that competes on value not cost and that manufactures some of the world's best products," said Dr Goennemann.

To discover how you can compete effectively within the global marketplace to generate long-term success – like the Australian manufacturers that have participated in <u>Our Projects</u> – take advantage of the AMGC's free-to-use <u>Manufacturing Academy</u>. By accessing the <u>Manufacturing Academy</u>, you can delve into real-world project examples and discover – from your peers – what has delivered successful commercialisation and innovation outcomes, while <u>AMGC membership</u> is the best way to stay up-to-date with industry news and <u>events</u>.

To view all of our members, visit https://www.amgc.org.au/our-members/

To learn more about Incat Crowther, visit: http://www.incatcrowther.com/



Incat Crowther 24m Passenger Ferry

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About Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation established through the Australian Government's Industry Growth Centres initiative. AMGC's vision is to transform Australian manufacturing to become an internationally competitive, dynamic and thriving industry with advanced capabilities and skills at its core.

Through the delivery of its world-leading research, Manufacturing Academy, workshops, and ground-breaking projects, AMGC aims to develop a highly skilled and resilient local manufacturing sector that delivers high-value products – via the integration of innovative technology – to domestic and international markets.

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Industry Growth Centres

The Industry Growth Centres Initiative is an industry-led approach driving innovation, productivity and competitiveness by focusing on areas of competitive strength and strategic priority. This will help Australia transition into smart, high value and export focused industries.

The Initiative enables national action on key issues such as collaboration, commercialisation, international engagement, skills and regulation reform. It drives excellence, not dependence, and will create an economy that ensures Australia's ongoing prosperity. For more information: www.industry.gov.au/industrygrowthcentres

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