Austal USA President, Michelle Kruger, to Retire

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MOBILE, Ala. – Austal USA President Michelle Kruger has announced her plans to retire effective June 1, 2026. Kruger was promoted to president in April 2024, after serving as vice president of global services and support, a role she assumed in 2022. During her tenure as president, Kruger guided Austal USA through a period of remarkable growth and transformative progress. Under her leadership, Austal USA enhanced its operational capabilities, moved critical strategic initiatives forward, and laid a strong foundation for the company's continued long-term success.

"We are deeply grateful for Michelle's vision, commitment, and the lasting impact that she has made on our organization," stated Austal USA's Board of Managers Chairman, Chris Chadwick. "While Michelle is retiring from the day-to-day responsibilities of President, we're pleased that she will continue her relationship with Austal USA as President Emeritus through June 1. In this role, she will remain a valued advisor and ambassador for the company."

As part of this planned transition, Austal USA Chief Operating Officer Gene Miller has assumed the position of Interim President. His steady leadership during this interim period will help maintain momentum, operational excellence, and organizational stability as the company advances into our next chapter.

To further support the organization during this transition, Chadwick will serve as Austal USA Executive Chairman, working closely with Miller and the leadership team to ensure focus, momentum, and alignment with Austal USA's long-term strategy.

This transition has been carefully planned, and Austal USA is confident in the leadership structure in place.