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Depicting the *Spirit of Tasmania*

Ro-ro passenger ferry *Spirit of Tasmania II* has taken Tasmania as its interior theme as part of a refit completed for the recent holiday season.

TT-Line's 1400 passenger capacity *Spirit of Tasmania II* (ex-*Superfast II*) features the new Seasons Restaurant, offering setting lighting, leather seating, and Tasmanian artworks. The Horizon's Lounge has a new ceiling and architecture.

The interior renovations showcase Tasmanian industrial talent. Jennifer Knox, managing director of Lightning Naval Architecture, which project managed the refit, said: "This ship is a Tasmanian icon, and we felt it was important to employ as much Tasmanian talent as possible in the process."

Several local companies joined forces on the project. Tascot Templeton, for example, supplied over 2770m² of carpets, made from 5500km of yarn. Before drydock, the team at Devonport's Streamline Upholstery re-upholstered chairs, manufactured new chairs and cut fabric for the refurbishment.

LNA also designed and supervised construction of new 150-seat business class



Sample of artwork onboard.

lounges by enclosing the aft open deck. It created covered promenades on the ex-pool deck, with this work done while the ship remained in service. LNA also provided design assistance, supervision and approval documentation for fitting new car platform decks.

Spirit of Tasmania I will undergo the same refurbishment when she is drydocked in 2009/10. **NA**



Tasmanian artworks are central to the interior spaces onboard the refurbished *Spirit of Tasmania II*.