

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!

Premier Mike Rann officially opened the Techport Australia Common User Facility on 15 February, marking the start of operations for the nation's leading shipbuilding repair facility. The Premier was delighted to welcome many dignitaries to Techport Australia for the opening, in particular the US Deputy Secretary Defense.



Premier Mike Rann MP and US Deputy Secretary Defense Mr Bill Lynn

The path to this critical point started many years ago with the South Australian campaign to firstly win the Air Warfare Destroyer build contract, and then three and a half years of planning, design and construction. Building the CUF was a mammoth task - construction alone involved over 750 000 man hours, 20 000 cubic metres of concrete, and 480 000 cubic metres of material dredged from the Port River.

While hundreds of people have been involved in this project, I congratulate in particular our Defence SA delivery team – led by Trevor Lambert, our managing contractor McConnell Dowell Built Environs Joint Venture, shiplift supplier Rolls Royce

Marine, and their subcontractors. Local industry played a significant role, delivering approximately 80 per cent of the project.

In another major milestone this quarter, the Prime Minister officially opened ASC's \$120 million shipyard at Techport Australia on 21 January. The state-of-the-art facility includes dedicated AWD production facilities, new office accommodation for 400 employees, a wharf support building with office space and workshops, and a significant upgrade to existing facilities.

The CUF is operational and ready to support the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance deliver the AWDs to the Royal Australian Navy. The facility is also attracting interest from third party users for vessel repair and maintenance activities.

Techport Australia continues as a hive of development activity. Ferrocute and Babcock Integrated Technology are already operating from purpose built facilities in the Supplier Precinct, and new facilities for the high-tech AWD System Centre and Raytheon Australia's SA Engineering Centre within the Commercial Campus are nearing completion.

Please call me on 08 8463 7144 if you need further information on our activities.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Andrew Fletcher'.

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