

# DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

*South Australia – the Defence State* was proud to host the recent Defence + Industry Conference and Trade Exhibition - the first major industry event since the May release of the Defence White Paper, and the second consecutive occasion that the Defence Materiel Organisation has held this important conference in Adelaide. The event was a resounding success, with over 2000 delegates and 200 exhibitors attending.

We were delighted that the Australian Government chose D+I 09 in Adelaide as the vehicle for release of the public *Defence Capability Plan 2009* and 12 Priority Industry Capabilities, at least six of which are associated with core activities of South Australia's defence industry.

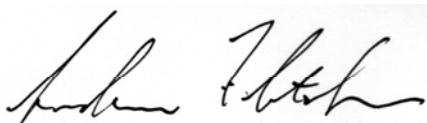
DCP 09 contains over \$60 billion of projects and substantial opportunities for Australian industry. For South Australia, key projects include 12 next generation submarines to be assembled in Adelaide, replacement manned aircraft for the AP-3C Orion, and modernisation of the Woomera Test Range. South Australia will continue to actively pursue these and other programs which result in the best outcomes for South Australia's defence industry and our growing Defence presence.

Other highlights this quarter include:

- construction of Techport Australia Common User Facility is over 80 percent complete - practical completion has been reached on the wharf, dry berth and runway, and the shiplift will be available from February 2010
- SABRENet - the state's ultra high-speed, high volume optical fibre broadband network – has been extended to Techport Australia, linking the precinct to all major education and R&D facilities across the state, including universities, Technology Park, Edinburgh Parks and DSTO
- approval of the *Northern Lefevre Peninsula Industry and Open Space Development Plan Amendment*, allowing the state to capitalise on the huge investment on the peninsula in recent years and develop an internationally competitive industrial port hub
- execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the State and Commonwealth governments, to facilitate a five-fold expansion of the Cultana Training Area, and
- a number of South Australian-based companies have secured contracting opportunities on the AWD project - congratulations to BAE Systems (hull block construction), Babcock Integrated Technology Australia (torpedo launches), Ultra Electronics (electro optical surveillance) and Ferrocut (plate cutting).

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

Best regards



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