

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the third Defence SA quarterly update.

Congratulations to Defence SA Advisory Board member, Dr Ian Chessell, on his appointment as South Australia's new Chief Scientist. Dr Chessell, former Commonwealth Chief Defence Scientist and head of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation, brings a wealth of experience in the defence sector to the role, reflecting the significance of science in key areas of industry expansion in South Australia.

Recent milestones on major defence initiatives include:

- Edinburgh headquartered BAE Systems to become Australia's largest defence company, following purchase of Tenix Defence
- successful South Australian participation at *PACIFIC 2008* International Maritime Conference and Exposition in Sydney
- Techport Australia delivery continues to track well with over 200 workers currently on site:
 - Maritime Skills Centre construction complete and General Manager appointed
 - major progress on Common User Facility construction, with works continuing on wharf, shiplift and dry berth areas
 - first Supplier Precinct land parcel sold to Ferrocut, one of South Australia's leading steel plate profile cutters
 - series of VIP site visits held to view rapid development progress, including Governor of South Australia, Chief of Navy, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement and Federal Member for Port Adelaide
 - construction commenced on \$100 million ASC shipyard upgrade adjacent to Techport Australia
- Government of South Australia endorsement of masterplan for the development of a world class defence and industrial precinct on the Northern Lefevre Peninsula
- Governor of South Australia launched the Defence Teaming Centre's *SA Defence Industry Workforce Update 2007*, confirming continuing strong growth in direct defence employment in South Australia
- successful promotion of *South Australia – the Defence State* to senior Defence and defence industry representatives coinciding with *Clipsal 500 Adelaide*, and
- Premier officially launched CSC's new \$12 million facility at Technology Park Adelaide.

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

Best regards



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