

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

September 2008

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the fifth Defence SA quarterly update.

South Australia welcomed the AWD Alliance's selection of world-leading aerospace and defence electronics company Ultra Electronics as preferred supplier for the Undersea Warfare Sonar System for the Royal Australian Navy's three air warfare destroyers. Ultra's win will generate 25 new highly skilled and specialised staff at its regional base in South Australia, with potential to grow to 200 in coming years.

Other highlights this quarter include:

- the Defence SA Advisory Board farewelled two retiring members – Deputy Chairman Mr Ross Adler AC and Mr Peter Young – acknowledging their valuable contribution and commitment to supporting the growth of Defence and defence industries in South Australia
- South Australia hosted the national ADM Defence Skilling Summit in September, to promote debate on potential solutions for skills challenges facing Australian defence industries
- Defence SA supported numerous industry events – DEF.NET, Australian Space Development Conference and the SA Infrastructure Conference and commenced roll out of the *South Australia – the Defence State* communications plan to promote the State's defence credentials
- Techport Australia delivery continues to track well:
 - the Maritime Skills Centre is operational, with training courses run by ASC and third party users
 - major progress on Common User Facility with over 50% of construction complete
 - preliminary site works commenced on Commercial Campus site, which will house the AWD Systems Centre and supporting commercial and retail accommodation
 - continued strong demand for Supplier Precinct land, with three lots sold to date and a fourth under contract
 - construction continues on \$100 million ASC shipyard upgrade adjacent to Techport Australia
- Defence SA hosted VIP visits to the Techport Australia Common User Facility site, including: the Premier and Deputy Premier, RADM Nigel Coates, Commander Australian Fleet; and, members of the State's parliamentary Public Works Committee.

From 24 October, I look forward to welcoming you to our new premises on the 4th floor of 151 Pirie Street Adelaide. Our contact details will remain the same.

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

Best regards



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