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TECHPORT AUSTRALIA PRECINCT NOW SELLING

Stage One of Techport Australia's Supplier Precinct at Osborne has been released to the market and interest levels are high.

The first 2.24 hectare slice of the precinct has already been sold, a second allotment is under contract and negotiations are advanced with numerous local, national and international companies for the remaining 11 lots.

Defence SA Chief Executive, Andrew Fletcher, said any company looking to be a part of South Australia's rapidly expanding defence industry should be closely examining opportunities available at Techport Australia.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to be at the heart of one of the most exciting defence and industrial developments in South Australia in recent times," Mr Fletcher said.

"The South Australian Government has invested more than \$300 million to build an internationally competitive shipbuilding precinct – Techport Australia – to assist ASC to build the Air Warfare Destroyers and create a sustainable defence industry hub in SA.

"Techport Australia consists of:

- world-class common user shipbuilding infrastructure including Australia's largest shiplift, a transfer system and wharf
- a 35+ hectare fully integrated industrial precinct for suppliers, and
- a commercial precinct housing a combination of office, convenience retail and education facilities.

"The whole precinct is connected to the national transport network with road, rail and deep channel port access plus we are installing an optical fibre network link to major research, defence and education facilities across the State."

The Supplier Precinct offers businesses the opportunity to establish operations on site alongside Techport Australia's anchor tenant, ASC and develop strong and efficient supply chains.

Flexible allotment sizes are available in Stage One of the precinct, ranging from 4188 square metres up to 16,680 square metres. Leasing options are also available.

In January, SA company Ferrocut became the first company to purchase an allotment in the precinct. Ferrocut is one of South Australia's leading steel plate profile cutters, and provides services in a range of areas including mining, construction and specialist fabrication.

“This is a great example of just one of the many companies which are already investing in the tremendous defence opportunities coming on line in South Australia,” Mr Fletcher said.

“Ferrocut was so confident in the location and the opportunities that it committed to the site well before land preparation work was actually finished.

“There are significant opportunities for local companies to compete for supply contracts to the AWD project and also for the supporting infrastructure and property development requirements.”

The combination of location, facilities and billion dollar contracts in place make Techport Australia the ideal location for any business in naval, defence and related industries.

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