

## Media information



# ASC congratulates SA Government on CUF milestones

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Leading Australian naval defence company ASC has congratulated the South Australian Government on the completion of key milestones for the Techport Australia Common User Facility (CUF) at Osborne, South Australia.

South Australian Premier Mike Rann earlier today announced that work associated with the CUF is now more than 80% complete, with practical completion achieved on the wharf, dry berth and transfer system.

ASC Managing Director Greg Tunny said the CUF development, part of the SA Government's \$300 million investment in the Techport Australia precinct at Osborne, was important for ASC's role as shipbuilder in the Air Warfare Destroyer Program.

"We congratulate the South Australian Government and Defence SA for the work they have completed on the CUF, on schedule and on budget," Mr Tunny said.

"The Government's contribution to our bid for the AWD contract in 2005 was an important component for us being successful.

"We are also investing approximately \$100 million to upgrade our shipyard, immediately adjacent to the CUF, and our upgrade is on budget and on schedule to be completed by the last quarter of 2009.

"Together these two facilities form one of the most modern naval shipbuilding precincts anywhere in the world, and we thank the South Australian Government for its ongoing commitment to support not only the AWD Program, but also the State's broader defence industry."

*ASC (formerly Australian Submarine Corporation) is the nation's last remaining Australian-owned prime defence contractor. The company designed and constructed the Collins Class submarines and today delivers design, upgrade and maintenance services for the submarines through-life. In May 2005, ASC was selected to build Australia's next generation warships – the Hobart Class air warfare destroyers. ASC employs over 1,400 personnel in South Australia and Western Australia, including 280 engineering and technical specialists.*

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