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ASC on common ground at Techport Australia

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Australian submarine and shipbuilder ASC has congratulated the South Australian Government on today's official opening of the Techport Australia Common User Facility (CUF) at Osborne, South Australia.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Ludlam said the CUF is integral to ASC's role as shipbuilder for the Air Warfare Destroyer Project.

"The Common User Facility supports ASC's state-of-the-art \$120 million shipyard and will quite literally do a lot of the heavy lifting for the project.

"Together these two facilities form one of the most modern naval shipbuilding precincts in the world, ensuring that we are on track – as a partner in the AWD Alliance - to deliver the AWDs to the Royal Australian Navy."

The CUF is part of the State Government's \$300 million investment in the Techport Australia precinct and includes Australia's largest ship lift.

"ASC thanks the South Australian Government for its ongoing commitment to support not only the AWD Project, but also the State's broader defence industry.

"These world-class common user shipbuilding facilities will ensure that ASC can continue to provide to the frontline of Australia's naval defence force," Mr Ludlam said.

ASC is the nation's last remaining Australian-owned prime defence contractor. The company constructed the Collins Class submarines and today delivers design, upgrade and maintenance services for the submarines through-life. ASC is also the shipbuilder of Australia's next generation warships – the Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers. ASC employs over 1,300 personnel in South Australia and Western Australia, including 280 engineering and technical specialists.

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