

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

September 2009

Dear Colleagues

I am delighted to announce that Defence SA has assumed responsibility for the state's Technology Park Adelaide assets from the Land Management Corporation, effective 1 October 2009.

Technology Park Adelaide is the state's high-tech precinct, focussed on ICT, electronics, light manufacturing and professional services occupancy. It is an outstanding strategic state asset and Defence SA is charged with securing even more high-tech investment and jobs to the precinct. The transfer will capitalise on Defence SA's strong economic development mandate, expert sector knowledge and commercial and industrial development expertise across defence and broader high-tech industry sectors.

In Defence SA Advisory Board developments, Premier Mike Rann and General Peter Cosgrove AC MC have:

- farewelled retiring member Mr Malcolm Kinnaird AC, acknowledging his outstanding contribution to development and implementation of the state's defence strategies and broader contributions to South Australia and indeed the nation over many decades
- welcomed new member Dr John White, a former member of the state's advisory board and the Commonwealth's Defence Procurement Advisory Board and former Chief Executive of Transfield Defence Systems, and
- congratulated Professor Kim Beazley AC on his appointment as new Australian Ambassador to the United States.

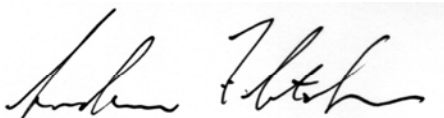
Techport Australia development continues to track well, with construction of the Common User Facility surpassing 85 percent. We look forward to welcoming the first naval vessel to the facility, when HMAS PARRAMATTA berths on 22 October as part of South Australia Navy Week 2009.

South Australia will also host the grand finale of MAGIC 2010 Downunder (Multi-Autonomous Ground-robotic International Challenge) in November 2010. The international competition – jointly sponsored by the Australian and United States Departments of Defence – challenges research organisations to develop next-generation fully autonomous ground vehicle systems that can be deployed effectively in military operations and civilian emergency situations. The final five teams will bring their super smart robots to Adelaide next year to compete in mock battles and showcase their full capabilities.

On behalf of the agency, a warm welcome to Technology Park Adelaide staff.

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

Best regards



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