

Hon Stephen Patterson MP **Minister for Trade and Investment**

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French engineering company to establish first Asia Pacific office in Adelaide

French engineering services company, LGM, is the latest international company to make the move to South Australia, joining an ever-growing list of international players at Lot Fourteen.

LGM has offices across the globe, including in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Spain, Germany, Italy and India - and it was Adelaide's defence and space credentials that led to the decision to establish their first office in the Asia Pacific region in South Australia.

Minister for Trade and Investment, Stephen Patterson, believes the opportunities for LGM to access key business and industry sectors makes Adelaide the prime choice for the company to expand into the region.

"To have a global firm like LGM choose to establish their first office in the Asia Pacific region in Adelaide highlights that our state has what it takes to attract international companies, providing access to skilled workers, world-class research and opportunities for collaborative partnerships," Minister Patterson said.

"LGM will be a valuable addition to the South Australian defence industry, sourcing local resources and creating regional connections."

Established in 1991, LGM employs a workforce of 1,400 FTEs and provides its clients, operators and contractors, with a global solution to their high-tech system development needs. They specialise in customer support engineering, commercialising specialised engineering services such as ILS, system engineering, training, program management and software. All services are fully designed internally, and clients include the Naval Group, Airbus, BAE Systems, Thales, Safran and Alstom.

LGM has qualified for funding support through the SA Landing Pad as well as the Defence and Space Landing Pad, and intends to create five FTE positions within the first 12 months, building to scale a workforce of between 20 to 25 South Australian engineers over the next three to five years.

The South Australian Landing Pad will enable LGM to be more effective by investing in early-phase development; saving them time by having access to a list of pre-qualified service providers. The Defence and Space Landing Pad will provide the company with an office space at Lot Fourteen, alongside key industry players and companies.

Franck Bloom, Country Manager, Australia, will establish the Adelaide office and work across key industry sectors, including defence, naval, infrastructure, space, aeronautics, railway and stock, energy and telecommunications.

“South Australia’s credentials as the defence and space state and delivery of many of the defence forces’ largest projects, as well as being home to many defence industry precincts provides LGM with a cradle of defence-related opportunities for business,” Mr Bloom said.

“We can also recruit from the excellent universities based in South Australia and develop local partnerships with similar companies during our ramp up period and moving forward.”

“By having access to the SA Landing Pad as well as the Defence and Space Landing Pad, we will be in the right place at the right time from a business development perspective,” continued Mr Bloom.

The Department for Trade and Investment has provided support to LGM to facilitate connections with the Industry Capability Network (ICN-SA), Defence SA, the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) and the French Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The South Australian Landing Pad program provides funding for access to Lot Fourteen’s innovation and coworking hubs or alternative accommodation and funding for access to professional support and advice. The Defence and Space Landing Pad provides international companies with affordable, short-term office facilities and relationship building opportunities at [Lot Fourteen](#).

For further information on the Defence and Space Landing Pad visit the Defence SA [website](#) or for the South Australian Landing Pad, including details on eligibility, visit the Department for Trade and Investment’s [website](#).