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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE INDUSTRY SETS SIGHTS ON LAND FORCES 2021

The best of South Australia's defence industry will be on display at the Land Forces expo in Brisbane this week.

The *South Australia – The Defence State* stand will showcase 30 of the state's most innovative companies and institutions to the defence sector for the first time since the PACIFIC 2019 International Maritime Exposition.

Land Forces is the premier international land defence exposition, with over 400 defence primes, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), government agencies and delegations showcasing equipment, technology and services for the for armies of Australia and the Indo-Asia Pacific.

Defence SA Chief Executive Richard Price said despite the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on attendance, this year's Land Forces exposition will provide a valuable opportunity for South Australia to highlight its capability to the national sector.

"Land Forces is an exceptional opportunity to showcase the state's capabilities to the broader sector and to connect delegates with innovative local companies," he said.

"While many industries have struggled to overcome the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy, our defence sector has continued to grow and adapt."

"South Australia remains home to a booming defence sector, with a skilled workforce and agile supply chains supporting the ongoing delivery of some of the country's biggest defence projects."

For the first time a [South Australia - The Defence State app](#) has been launched to support South Australia's industry presence at the expo and future major international trade shows, providing exposure to the state's capabilities as well as points of contact for exhibiting South Australian companies to facilitate business to business engagement.

Mincham Aviation is a family owned manufacturing company specialising in defence, aerospace and hi-tech industries and has been a regular on the Defence State stand at previous Land Forces events.

Managing Director of Mincham Aviation, Darryl Mincham, said the Defence State delegation symbolises what can be achieved when government and industry work together.

"The Defence State stand has always been the benchmark for national collaboration and is now widely accepted as industry best practice, providing a platform for collaborative behaviours and consistently producing positive outcomes."

Mike Hartas, General Manager of Defence Sales at REDARC Electronics said his company was extremely lucky in South Australia to be able draw on the expertise of other local businesses.

"The opportunity to be part of the Defence State stand at Land Forces 2021 is another great chance to be able to showcase our own capabilities to the broader defence community,



while also building new partnerships with local suppliers that can become part of our regular supply chain going forward.”

Companies to be showcased on the *South Australia – The Defence State* stand include:

- Acacia Systems and Mincham Aviation
- Aldom Transport Engineering
- APC Technology
- Axiom Precision Manufacturing
- BMT
- Century Engineering Pty Ltd
- Cold Logic Pty Ltd
- Custom Agency Services
- Daronmont Technologies
- Defence Teaming Centre and Industry Capability Network SA
- DEWC Systems
- elmTEK
- Key Tubing & Electrical
- Micro-X Ltd
- Mott MacDonald
- Nobles (A Noble & Son Ltd.)
- Norseld Pty Ltd
- Operational Systems Pty Ltd
- PRP Manufacturing
- REDARC Electronics
- Rowlands Metalworks
- Silentium Defence
- Supashock
- Trident
- Ultra
- United Fasteners
- Vipac Engineers & Scientists

The *South Australia – The Defence State* app can be accessed at defencestate.eventapp.com.au

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