

Movers and shakers

Many individuals and companies have had a major impact on the SA Defence Industry in the past 12 months. Check out our lists of the top people, businesses, facts and figures.

Top 20 South Australian SMEs

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- Acacia Research:** established research and development company working with advanced surveillance systems and high-fidelity simulation.
- Airspeed:** developed advanced composites for airborne equipment pods for the military.
- Babcock Integrated Technology Australia:** \$10 million contract for the Air Warfare Destroyers' torpedo launch system.
- Century Innovative Manufacturers:** developed and patented the Rapid Deployment Storage System (RDSS) for Modular Storage.
- Codan/Minelab:** leader in high-frequency (HF) radio, satellite radio subsystems, and metal detectors for Defence applications.
- Daromont Technologies:** working on Mobile Control and Reporting Centre (MCRC) Reconstitution project for Department of Defence.
- Ferrocute:** awarded the plate-cutting contract for the Air Warfare Destroyer program, providing service and support to the ASC AWD shipbuilder.
- Hill Defence Products:** custom-designed field Environmental Control Systems for mobile facilities and water coolers for Defence.
- Levett Engineering:** manufacturing turbine vane transfer tubes and covers for the F135 engine powering the F-35 Lightning II for the Joint Strike Fighter program.
- Mincham Aviation:** Worked on the Amphibious Advanced Airplane as part of the Premier's Science and Research Fund.
- Nova Defence:** involved in projects across sectors. Ranked 11th in BRW Best Places to Work.
- Pacific Marine Batteries:** secured a research and development contract to design a battery for the future submarines SEA 1000 project.
- Plasteel SA:** Precision manufacture and design work on specialised components for large Defence projects.
- Priority Engineering/ADTech – are a joint venture of priority Engineering:** two companies working together to provide extensive fabrication capability for Defence.
- Sage Automation:** designed lighting control systems with multiple levels of protection for RAAF runways around Australia
- Smart Fabrication:** design and supply of 16 aluminium platforms for the Air Warfare Destroyer project.
- Static Engineering:** developed self-propelled, air-transportable aircraft cargo loaders (Taslu and Talu) designed to service aircraft door sills for military aircraft.
- Sydac:** Acquired by German-owned Knorr-Bremse in 2009. An industry leader in the development of simulation technology.
- Vipac Engineers and Scientists:** core member of the Cooperative Research Centre for Satellite Systems.
- Williams Laser Cutting & Fabrication:** secured a fabrication contract for the Air Warfare Destroyer.



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