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Founding ceremony of DCNS Australia's Adelaide Future Submarine Facility

DCNS Australia today celebrated the founding of their Australian headquarters in Keswick, Adelaide, which will be dedicated to delivering the Future Submarine Program.

The ceremony was attended by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Defence and a number of parliamentarians and defence sector figures.

"This is an important initial milestone in DCNS' decades long commitment to the design and construction of 12 regionally superior submarines in Adelaide," said Herve Guillou, Chairman and Global CEO of DCNS Group.

"This facility, and our local Adelaide workforce starting with 50 people in 2017, marks the beginning of our relationship as part of the community," said Mr Guillou.

The facility will become operational in early 2017 to support DCNS' activities around Australia, including the transfer of technology from France to Australia, the development of the Australian supply chain and the design of a new shipyard in Adelaide.

"We are planning from the beginning to maximize the participation of Australian business in this \$50 billion project," said Sean Costello, CEO, DCNS Australia.

"Australian industry participation is not just good for local business and the community, but critical for the transfer of knowledge and the creation of Australian sovereignty for the operation and sustainment of the submarines," said Mr Costello.

The DCNS Australia Adelaide Future Submarine Facility is located at 1 Richmond Road, Keswick.

About DCNS

DCNS is the European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energy. The Group's success as an advanced technology company with global reach is built on meeting customer needs by deploying exceptional know-how, unique industrial resources and an ability to develop innovative strategic partnerships. DCNS designs and builds submarines and surface combatants, develops associated systems and infrastructure, and offers a full range of services to naval bases and shipyards. The Group has also expanded its focus into marine renewable energy. Aware of its corporate social responsibilities, DCNS is a member of the United Nations Global Compact. The DCNS Group generates annual revenues of €3.04 billion and employs 12,953 people (2015 data).

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