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DCNS has formally signed on as a supporting industry participant with Australia's Defence Materials Technology Centre (DMTC).

The agreement will see DMTC and DCNS collaborate on developing technical expertise and building industrial capacity within Australian maritime sector supply chains, with a focus in the first instance on naval shipbuilding and repair.

Work has already commenced on a project involving research partners from the University of Wollongong, Defence Science & Technology Group and ANSTO, and is focused on reducing levels of distortion experienced in naval surface ship construction.

CEO of DMTC, Dr Mark Hodge, said DCNS will be working with the same DMTC team that previously worked together to enhance welding processes for panel construction on Australia's fleet of Air Warfare Destroyers – an award-winning project that was highlighted in the 2016 Defence Industry Policy Statement.

"In this new project, the expanded team will extend that research and technical work to tackle more complex and challenging internal joints."

"I am confident the project will achieve outcomes with direct relevance to Defence's capability needs.

"We have had strong support from Defence's SEA 5000 Program and are working closely with DST Group scientists and research and industry partners," said Dr Hodge.

"Through these types of projects we are taking technologies at the core of DMTC's established expertise – including welding, corrosion management, life-of-type modelling and both production and sustainment technologies – and looking to extend industry capacity in support of Australia's continuous surface shipbuilding program."

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### About DMTC

DMTC develops and delivers technology and manufacturing solutions that enhance ADF capability and strengthen Australian industrial capacity. DMTC outcomes are achieved through collaborative partnerships between Defence, government research agencies, academia and industry partners. Collaborating with DMTC allows companies to leverage existing relationships with Defence and build their Australian supply chains. DMTC has a key role in some of the headline initiatives from the Defence Industry Policy Statement released in early 2016, including the Government's investment of \$640 million over the decade in the Defence Innovation Hub. Established in 2008, DMTC is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. [www.dmtc.com.au](http://www.dmtc.com.au)

### About DCNS

DCNS is the European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energies. As an international high-tech company, DCNS uses its extraordinary know-how, unique industrial resources and capacity to arrange innovative strategic partnerships to meet its clients'

requirements. The Group designs, builds and maintains submarines and surface vessels. The Group also proposes services for naval shipyards and bases. In addition, the Group offers a wide range of sea-based renewable energy solutions. DCNS is sensitive to the challenges of corporate social responsibility and has signed the United Nations Global Compact. The Group reports revenues of €3.19 billion and has a workforce of 12,779 employees (2016 data).

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