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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) would like to thank the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) for its long-standing support of SME's within South Australia on behalf of our National Network. "The DTC's decision to withdraw from our network has been accepted and we wish them well for the future," said National President, Rob Forbes.

AIDN National has been working hard to establish a single voice on behalf of all members nationally and continues to work with various representative bodies and state and federal government organisations to ensure that we too are adapting to the new order of true collaboration to build the necessary capacity of our industrial base in support of key Defence Programs.

AIDN reaffirms that its focus will remain to be the representative of the large number of SME suppliers in support of the Australian Defence and Security Forces. It will continue to provide this on a national basis in all States and Territories. The success in providing this representation is reflected in a growing national membership base and its continued advocacy and support to the SME community.

In a speech delivered by the Minister for Defence Industry at the AIDN National Dinner held in Canberra on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, Minister Pyne commented "AIDN plays an important and constructive part in defence industry policy development in Australia, something that is most welcome and vitally necessary". He went on to pay tribute "to the hard work that AIDN does to represent and advocate for the interests of small and medium enterprises, particularly their role in defence industry," expressed Minister Pyne.

AIDN welcomes and supports the commitment of the DTC to continue to develop a collaborative relationship into the future.

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