

Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier

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Noske-Kaesar and Engie Axima facility adds to South Australia's booming defence industry

Noske-Kaesar and Engie Axima have officially opened their new manufacturing facility in South Australia, adding to the suite of national and international companies from across the defence sector choosing our state as the place to do business.

The facility is producing air conditioning and ventilation systems for the 12 Arafura Class offshore patrol vessels.

Seven workers are employed at the facility, and the company hopes to double the workforce in the next 12 months.

Premier Steven Marshall, who today officially opened the new facility at Salisbury North, said the decision to locate themselves in South Australia shows the confidence major companies have in the state's booming defence industry.

"When I see this sort of investment in our state, it fills me with confidence about where our defence industry is currently at, and the direction in which it's heading," said the Premier.

"This facility will undertake critical work, manufacturing the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) systems for the Arafura Class offshore patrol vessels being built at Osborne.

"This is further proof of the opportunities stemming from the \$90 billion of defence investment from the Commonwealth in our state, giving South Australians access to jobs for decades to come."

Vice President of International Business Development for Engie Axima, Guillaume Weisrock said Engie Axima's investment in its Adelaide production & testing facility clearly marks the commitment to being part of Australia's current and future naval programs.

"ENGIE Axima's investment in an Adelaide production and testing facility marks our commitment to becoming a trusted and long-term participant in Australia's current and future naval programs".

"It was obvious from the start to set up in Adelaide given its growing Marine industrial environment and the support of South Australian Authorities."

General Manager of Noske-Kaesar Marine Australia, David Owen said the opening of this new facility presents an exciting future for the business.



“This facility refocuses our business operations from predominantly service and support back to our roots in Australia, which began with our involvement in the ANZAC frigate program in 1992.”