

## Minister Geoff Brock

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### State Government grant generates 15 new jobs at Whyalla Steel fabricator

A \$200,000 State Government Regional Development Fund grant to Whyalla company, Gadaleta Steel Fabrication will generate 15 new jobs.

Announcing the grant today, Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said the company's new blast and paint booth would give it a competitive edge.

"Gadaleta Steel Fabrication is one of Australia's premier heavy steel fabricators," Mr Brock said.

"This grant through the Small Grants Program will support Gadeleta to establish an internal blast and paint facility allowing them to compete more effectively for national and international tenders.

"The Whyalla company is an industry leader, which has been providing solutions for energy producers, transport, construction, mining and minerals processing clients for over 20 years.

"As well as creating 15 new jobs, this expansion project will generate increased revenue growth in the region with expected company growth leading to increased economic benefits for local suppliers.

"The expansion is a great example of how the State Government's \$15 million a year expanded Regional Development Fund is supporting South Australia's rural communities.

"This project aligns with the Government's strategic priorities of Realising the Benefits of the Mining Boom for All, and Growing Advanced Manufacturing," Mr Brock said.

Managing Director of Gadaleta Steel Fabrication, Sam Gadaleta said that the Regional Development Fund grant meant the company could look forward to more national and international contracts.

"Thanks to the State Government's support, Gadaleta can establish its own blast and paint capability," Mr Gadaleta said.

"This means we can compete more successfully against companies from overseas, both at home and abroad.

"The grant money will go towards the blast and paint equipment, including an overhead crane, engineering and construction work, and materials.

“Whyalla is a great city in which to base our business because of the strong industrial and mining base and the availability of a highly skilled workforce.

“Expansion of our business means we can support the local community through offering more employment, and potentially offering more apprenticeships and traineeships, as well as upskilling our existing workforce,” Mr Gadaleta said.