

# News releases - Geoff Brock

## New facility for Mount Gambier engineering company

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Construction is complete on a new \$2.1 million facility for Whitty Engineering in Mount Gambier which will allow the company to increase productivity and improve its capacity for large-scale jobs.

A \$300,000 State Government Regional Development Fund grant supported the company's relocation to larger premises.

The expansion includes fit-for-purpose sheds with gantries capable of taking up to 10 tonnes, as well as offices and other staff amenities.

### **Background**

The Regional Development Fund (RDF) drives economic growth through grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and jobs creation.

According to independent analysis, projects awarded grants through Rounds 1 and 2 of the RDF are creating 2,265 regional jobs and contributing \$933 million to the South Australian economy in 2015-16.

During the life of the projects, a total of 14,389 jobs will be created, with a \$5.6 billion economic contribution to the State.

In the Limestone Coast, RDF projects from Rounds 1 and 2 are creating 750 jobs and contributing \$279 million to the economy in 2015-16.

This project supports the State Government's economic priorities of 'Growth through innovation', 'South Australia – the best place to do business' and 'South Australia's small businesses have access to capital and global markets'.

### **Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock**

This expansion provides Whitty Engineering with the capacity to become more competitive in supplying large interstate projects, increasing the recognition and capabilities of the Limestone Coast region.

The facility features advanced equipment and will increase the company's workforce to accommodate new business and provide stability for the current workforce.

Once fully operational, the project will create six new full time positions.

### **Quotes attributable to Whitty Engineering Managing Director Will Whitty**

We are grateful for the RDF grant that has supported us in increasing our capacity to service larger jobs than we have been able to do in the past.

This new facility will improve our productivity, the safety of our work site, and create more environmentally sustainable work practices.

This will ultimately allow us to ensure the long term reliability of services to our current and new customers.