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## Strategic Munitions Interim Contract (SMIC) – PUBLIC AIC PLAN

### Executive Summary

Australian Munitions has a long history of contributing to Australian industry, being able to trace its origins back to the Colonial Ammunition Factory, Melbourne, in 1889. Since that time, the Australian Munitions supplier network has grown to encompass over 600 different suppliers and subcontractors assisting in supporting the entire breadth of our munitions portfolio.

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Australian Munitions was contracted by the Commonwealth for the supply of products and services through the operation and maintenance of the Mulwala Propellants and Explosives facility and the Benalla Munitions facility. The total value of the contract is approximately \$350m with approximately \$290m being delivered by Australian Industry.

Chemicals, materials and components which are utilised in the manufacture of propellants, explosives and munitions are supplied with engagement of a number of Australian suppliers. Details of the key suppliers providing local industry activities and their products are given in Table 1.

Table 1 – Strategic Munitions Interim Contract Key Suppliers		
Vendor	Product/Service	Location
Elite Chemicals	Specialist Military Compounds	Clayton South, VIC
Manildra	Ethanol for Propellant	Manildra, NSW
Dolphin Plastics	Precision Polymer Components	Heidelberg, VIC
Incitec Pivot Limited (IPL)	Specialist Chemicals	South Melbourne, VIC
Refined Tooling	Precision Polymer/Metal Components	Carrum Downs, VIC
Australian Precision Technologies (APT)	Precision metal Components	Berwick, VIC

### Scope of Future Work Opportunities

Australian Munitions has a well-established arrangement of the supply of components and services for the propellants, explosives and munitions supplied from the Mulwala and Benalla facilities. Key local industry subcontractors are listed in Table 1. Australian Munitions will continue to utilise these subcontractors based upon the experience, flexibility and value for money that they offer the program.

Should the scope of the program change, or should the continuing engagement of the current subcontractors need to be re-evaluated, Australian Munitions will conduct market testing for possible alternative subcontractors and suppliers.

### Industry Engagement

In circumstances where Australian Munitions is looking to conduct market testing for future suppliers, industry will be first engaged via the Australian Industry and Defence Network (AIDN) or the Industry

Capability Network (ICN), both of which Australian Munitions (as Thales Australia) is a member, in order to determine industry and organisational capabilities.

Once capability has been ascertained, Australian Munitions may progress to an EOI/RFI/RFT process and possible supplier down-selection and addition to the Australian Munitions supplier network supporting the SMIC program.

### **Point of Contact**

The Industrial Supply Chain Manager – Australian Munitions is the point of contact for AIC matters regarding the SMIC program.

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