

# Codan seals \$6.7m Defence deal

A MAWSON Lakes company will develop a new handheld detector for the Department of Defence under a new \$6.7 million contract.

Minelab Electronics, a subsidiary of Codan, will develop a dual-sensor metal detector with ground-penetrating radar by 2018. The design is based on requirements of the ADF and supplemented with feedback from Army User Groups.

Codan said Minelab would be providing an "enhanced capability that currently does not exist".

Minelab will work with US company NIITEK on the handheld device detector.

"Development of the HDD builds on Minelab's success in technology development and product innovation for use in military programmes," Codan said. Its shares closed 3.8 per cent higher at \$1.35.