

# Smooth ride to jobs from India mission

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A GROUND-breaking Adelaide automotive company says advanced manufacturing jobs and export opportunities will flow from a new partnership deal agreed in India yesterday.

Magill suspension maker Supashock says the growth will come from its alliance with an Indian automotive manufacturer to develop vehicle suspensions.

Under the non-disclosure agreement, Supashock will design and develop prototype suspension technology to be trialled by the manufacturer. Should the trials prove successful, Supashock will supply the shock absorbers for current production and modification of existing vehicles.

The deal was announced at the Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai and comes on the back of a week-long visit to India by SA's defence leaders.

"This mission is also beneficial in exploring new naval partnerships in the Indian market and investigating what we can learn from India's submarine program for our own upcoming submarine build," said Defence and Space Industries Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith who is leading the mission.

"It will also provide fantastic opportunities for SA businesses to explore new export avenues in the Indian defence market as we transition towards a hi-tech advanced manufacturing future."

India is SA's fourth largest trading partner.