

# REDARC signs MoU with MARL International for naval projects

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South Australian company REDARC Electronics will team up with UK-based advanced manufacturing company MARL International to manufacture and support special light emitting diodes (LED) to be installed in the Type 26 Global Combat Ship-Australia (GCS-A) if BAE Systems secures the SEA 5000 Future Frigates contract.

Brokered through BAE Systems Australia's Global Access Program, the agreement will see the two companies work together to exchange technology that will enable REDARC to locally manufacture LED lighting components, control systems and power supply units that have been designed specifically by MARL in the UK to support Defence Maritime Vessels.

REDARC owner and managing director Anthony Kittel said the deal will strengthen the company's reputation as a high-quality SME in the Australian Defence military vehicle and naval systems sector

“This latest announcement is a great testament of our ability to work in the competitive defence sector,” he said.

“It means we are well positioned to provide world-class innovation to help BAE Systems deliver Australian Industry Content on the most advanced Frigate in the world.”

MARL’s managing director Adrian Rawlinson said the agreement will expand the company’s involvement in the International defence sector and pave the way for MARL and REDARC to offer LED lighting solutions to other maritime programs in Australia.

“The support provided by BAE Systems’ Global Access Program has enabled us to bring two great companies together. Not only will this relationship allow us to transfer technology enabling the local manufacture and ongoing support of our LED lighting technology in Australia, but it also allows our companies to collaborate on other opportunities on a larger scale,” he said.

“REDARC offers MARL the opportunity for a single relationship into Australia, where REDARC will use its local supply chain to provide the entire LED lighting solution for maritime contracts.”

Established in 1979, REDARC is an Australian, privately-owned and award-winning SME successfully supplying patented electronic solutions to global markets including automotive, mining, defence and emergency services.