

Redarc on the attack with new defence unit



NEW DEAL: Redarc Electronics chief executive Anthony Kittel with Redarc Defence Systems account manager Mike Hartas. Picture: CALUM ROBERTSON

REDARC'S new defence business has been chosen to partner with a major Norwegian contractor for the supply of components to the Australian Army's new surface-to-air missile system.

Under the deal, the Lonsdale electronics company will supply electromechanical components for the National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System's (NASAMS) fire distribution centre (FDC) as part of Raytheon's Land 19 Phase 7B project.

NASAMS is a state-of-the-art weapon system that will enable the army to detect, engage and destroy aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, and cruise missile threats. The FDC, which can be housed in a 13-foot shelter on the back of a military truck, is the battle management command, control, communications, computers and intelligence centre that provides fire control for the system.

Redarc Defence account manager Mike Hartas said the transfer of technology to Australian industry would ensure the capability delivered under the Land 19 Phase 7B project would be "enduring and supportable" in Australia. "Redarc Defence Systems is proud to work with Kongsberg on the Land 19 Phase 7B program in Australia," he said.

"Kongsberg's approach to Australian industry capability is testament to what can be done when the defence companies and Australian industry want to work together to deliver real capability to the Australian Defence Force."

Redarc established its stand-alone defence business last year, providing a mix of off-the-shelf and customised electronic technologies for use in defence vehicles and the broader industry.

It secured its first major contract in December, signing a multi-year, multimillion-dollar contract to deliver full-sized 3D replicas of military vehicles to the army.