

Nova wins defence contract

ADELAIDE engineering company Nova Group has won a \$25 million contract to support the Norwegian armed forces.

The two-year contract will result in Nova Systems Norway supporting the country's NH90 maritime helicopter program.

The NH90 is a mediumsized, twin-engine, multi-role military helicopter developed in response to NATO requirements for a helicopter that had multiple capabilities.

Nova is providing a team of operators, engineers and software specialists to focus on the development of an anti-submarine variant of the helicopter. The team is working alongside both Royal Norwegian Air Force and Royal Norwegian Navy personnel.

Nova Systems Norway chief operating officer Simon Sparkes said the contract doubled the size of the group's Norwegian operation.

"This is an exciting, breakthrough moment for Nova in the Scandinavian defence market and one which is built on our core Nova test and evaluation offer in the region," he said.

"We want to help build indigenous capability for Norway both in terms of operational delivery and procurement-support structures."