

GEOFABRICS AWARDED MODERN MANUFACTURING STRATEGY GRANT

Friday 4th February 2022

Yesterday the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) announced their latest round of co-investments with the Australian Government, awarded to local manufacturers for projects that are commercialising better ways to manage and mitigate our health and security concerns, improve food and beverage operations, and make better use of our planet and its finite resources.

Leading geosynthetic manufacturer and supplier, Geofabrics Australasia Pty Ltd has been awarded a total project commitment of \$607,000 (\$252,000 from AMGC Commercialisation Fund) under the Recycling & Clean Energy Priority Roadmap associated with the Australian Government Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

This funding will be applied to expanding the Geofabrics Megaflo® Green product range, a flat-shaped drainage panel system made from 100% locally sourced HDPE polymer. Megaflo Green offers quick and effective drainage, removing excess water 60 per cent faster than traditional 100mm slotted round pipe. Megaflo Green is applied in major civil infrastructure projects such as road construction, rail and mining; its versatile application has been featured in iconic Australian sporting stadiums such as the Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville and the Perth Optus Stadium.

Geofabrics CEO & Managing Director Dennis Grech comments:

At Geofabrics, we are proud of our Australian heritage, and we have been manufacturing products that build our nation's key road, rail, mining and environmental infrastructure since the mid 1980's. More recently, we incorporate Australian sourced recycled polymer and HDPE into our products. Since mid-2020, we have utilised the equivalent of 20 million plastic bottles in making our geosynthetic product ranges.

Geofabrics have recently been recognised as Australia's 2021 Most Innovative Manufacturing company in the Manufacturing & Consumer Goods sector. This grant, made possible through the Australian Government's Recycling & Clean Energy National Manufacturing Priority roadmap, will add further to our capability to continue finding unique and innovative ways to remove plastic waste from landfill and waterways.

The Federal Government's support to Geofabrics, through its Recycling & Clean Energy Priority Roadmap, will allow us to utilise more waste product, increase our exports and most importantly, secure employment for more Australians.

ABOUT GEOFABRICS

Geofabrics is Australasia's geosynthetic specialist and has supported the infrastructure sector on significant projects for over 40 years across multiple industry segments including road, rail, mining, waste and containment, coastal and water solutions. The company has a branch network throughout Australia, New Zealand and PNG and manufacturing plants in Albury, NSW and Ormeau, Queensland.

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S MODERN MANUFACTURING STRATEGY

Under the Modern Manufacturing Strategy, road maps for six key areas of focus were developed with industry to set out plans for industry and government to strengthen Australia's manufacturing capability. These priorities are: Medical Products, Food and Beverage, Resources Technology and Critical Minerals Processing, Recycling and Clean Energy, Defence, and Space. The road maps were led by industry taskforces to identify and set a future vision for the priority areas with clear goals, opportunities and actions over the next 2, 5 and 10 years.

www.industry.gov.au/manufacturing

ABOUT ADVANCED AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING GROWTH CENTRE (AMGC)

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation established through the Australian Government's Industry Growth Centres Initiative. AMGC's vision is to transform Australian manufacturing to become an internationally competitive, dynamic, and thriving industry with advanced capabilities and skills at its core.

www.amgc.org.au

ABOUT AMGC'S COMMERCIALISATION FUND

Commercialisation Fund grants will be between \$100,000 and \$1 million and must be matched by industry. Consistent with all programs under the Modern Manufacturing Strategy, this fund will support projects within the Government's six National Manufacturing Priorities. Projects must include collaboration with a research partner and a minimum of one industry partner. The fund will run over an 18-month period and will be managed and administered by AMGC.

www.amgc.org.au/projects



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