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From the Minister for Innovation

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VICTORIAN FIRMS BENEFIT FROM INNOVATION AGENDA

Innovation Minister, John Brumby, today highlighted a \$5.5 million contract to supply key components for the Australian Synchrotron as an example of how Victorian firms were benefiting from the Bracks Government's innovation agenda.

Speaking at a Parliamentary Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) hearing, Mr Brumby said the contract had been awarded to Cheltenham-based company, Metaltec Precision International.

"The Australian Synchrotron is an example of Victoria's investment in innovation driving industry growth and providing new opportunities for innovative Victorian businesses," he said.

"Through our Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP), we are maximising local content in major projects wherever local companies offer the best value for money.

"In 2003/2004, the VIPP was applied to 99 new projects, worth around \$3 billion, that will create over 12,700 full time jobs for Victorians."

Mr Brumby said Metaltec Precision International would supply the pedestals and girders, which would carry 200 magnets crucial to the performance of the synchrotron machine.

The \$5.5 million contract is the largest synchrotron component contract so far awarded to a Victorian supplier.

"This contract calls for worlds-best high-precision machining and manufacturing as the girders, weighing up to seven tonnes, must be capable of fine adjustments of 10 microns (less than one-tenth the size of a human hair)," Mr Brumby said.

"Metaltec was chosen because they had the state-of-the-art equipment and highly skilled workforce to deliver such demanding requirements.

"The company has invested heavily in state-of-the-art plant and equipment as well as developing a very highly skilled, stable workforce so it can supply specialised components and advanced tooling capabilities.

"Through the VIPP and the Industry Capability Network, we will continue to give our world-class advanced manufacturing sector, and more companies like Metaltec, the best possible opportunities to win work on the synchrotron and other major innovation projects."

Other Victorian firms to benefit from the synchrotron project include:

- Bulk excavation – DNT Civil Contractors, Burwood;
- Survey – Max Braid Surveyors, Camberwell;
- Structural steel shop drawing –Bayside Drafting, Oakleigh;
- Precast shop drawing – Structural Detailers, Frankston;
- Bored piers – Geotech, North Essendon;
- Post tensioning – Austress Freyssinet, North Melbourne;
- Roofing – Aldeck Roofing, Thomastown;
- Metalwork – JDE Group, Yarra Junction;
- Aluminium – A&B Aluminium, Dandenong South;
- Structural steel – DVP Engineering, Hallam;

- Frames – United Doormakers, Lilydale;
- Carpentry – Cetalee, Malvern East;
- Formwork – S&J Formwork, Seaford;
- Precast concrete/tunnel walls – V&G Concrete, Mulgrave;
- Vacuum vessel installation – Varian, Mulgrave;
- Reinforcement – Vic Mesh, Dandenong;
- Hydraulics – Lamb & Bell, Seaford;
- Syphonic drain – Syphon Systems, Oakleigh South;
- Crane – Demag, Scoresby;
- Lifts – Liftronic, Sunshine West;
- Electrical – Nilsen Electrical, West Heidelberg;
- Mechanical services – A E Smith, Mulgrave;
- Tree removal – Accurate Earthworks, Kardinia;
- Ceiling panels – Ortech, Bendigo;
- Fire services, Hamilton Lloyd, Hallam;
- Timber doors – Barry Gough doors, Knoxfield;
- Hardware – Detail Door Hardware, Geelong;
- Roller doors – Trevor Roller Shutters, South Melbourne;
- Joinery – ISM Interiors, Tullamarine;
- Louvres – Air Grilles, Mulgrave;
- Operable walls – Lotus Folding Walls & Doors, Seaford;
- Plastering – Concept Ceilings, Hallam;
- Tiling – SGK Ceramics, Dandenong;
- Painting – M&P Painting, Seaford;
- Compactus and shelving – Brownbuilt, Oakleigh South;
- Blinds – Aristocrat Blinds, Moorabbin;
- Carpets – Simon Carpets Commercial, Footscray;
- Landscaping – Peninsula Horticultural, Turong; and
- Final cleaning – Patrick Cleaning, Mount Waverley.