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PRESS RELEASE BY THE PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA,

THE HONOURABLE DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P.

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The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, announced today an important industrial expansion in the suburb of Strathmont. The firm of Strathmont Engineering Pty. Limited, which has been operating in the area for some time, will expand rapidly as the result of an initial investment in the Company of a \$ $\frac{1}{4}$ million by the wellknown firm of Peglers Limited of Doncaster, Yorkshire, England. The latter Company also manufactures in Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

The investment by Peglers Limited was an important addition to Australian manufacture, said Mr. Dunstan. The Company manufactures a wide range of brass valves for the world market.

In the plant at Strathmont Engineering Pty. Limited, manufacture of the Peglers Catalogue would commence initially with a limited range of products but these would rapidly expand to cover the complete catalogue for the National market and overseas export.

Mr. Dunstan said that a contract had already been let for the factory extensions at Strathmont. The present factory comprises an area of 10,000 square feet and the new building would add another 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousand square feet to the factory. Immediately the building work on the extensions are completed, employment at the factory will increase to 50 persons, and it was expected that employment would rise to 150 within the next couple of years.

It was important to Australian industry that a Company of the standing of Peglers Limited recognised the opportunities available to British industry in Australia. The investment in South Australia would add to the ability of the State to serve the National and overseas market throughout the range of these important brass products.

Mr. Frank Whincup, at present Area Sales Manager for Peglers Limited, was in South Australia to assist in the establishment of the new enterprise and he would later take up permanent duties with Strathmont Engineering Pty. Limited as Director Sales Manager.