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PRESS STATEMENT.

FROM: PREMIER DUNSTAN.

SUBJECT: PROPELLER FACTORY.

The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) today announced that a Dutch company would combine with a South Australian company to establish a ship propeller manufacturing factory in SA.

He said the jointly owned company would be created by Lips NV, of Drunen, Holland, and Johns and Waygood Perry Engineering Ltd., and would be known as Lips Perry Pty. Ltd.

It would be established at Mile End.

Mr. Dunstan said he had met the directors of Lips NV in London during his recent overseas trip, and had discussed the venture with them.

"This important project demonstrates very clearly how SA can diversify its economy," he said.

"It fits in with the State's engineering base, and our ship building activities.

"The company will produce controllable pitch propellers and bow thrusters, both of which assist a ship's manoeuvrability and, under certain conditions, improve engine efficiency.

"The propellers were originally used on tugboats and ferries, but in recent years have been used on container ships, tankers, carriers and naval craft."

Mr. Dunstan said a portion of the equipment required to produce the propellers was already available at Johns and Waygood Perry Engineering plants.

"The copper alloy and other necessary castings will be produced at the Perry Foundry, Kilkenny, while the machining and assembly of the propellers and hydraulic systems will be carried out at the Perry Engineering works at Mile End.

Mr. Dunstan said Antelope Engineering Pty. Ltd. of Sydney would act as selling agents for Lips Perry, while Amid Pty. Ltd. of Adelaide would be sales representatives for SA and WA.

Footnote: Eips NV is one of the leading designers and manufacturers of ships propellers, and is currently making about 2,500 propellers of all types annually, Apart from its main works in Holland, Lips also owns or has interests in propeller plants in the US, Japan, Italy, France and Spain.