

Media Release

DIVERSECO LAUNCHES FIRST NT PREMISES AHEAD OF NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Robotics and automation company, Diverseco, is increasing its presence in the Northern Territory with the opening of a Darwin premises.

The new showroom will offer Territory businesses direct access to automation services and solutions, including industrial robots, collaborative robots (known as "cobots") and weighing solutions to increase efficiency, productivity and safety across a range of sectors.

Located on Cavenagh Street, the premises will enable upskilling, job creation and support early-stage small scale and pilot research projects in advanced manufacturing and create 15 jobs over five years.

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The qualifications will be available as micro-credential courses through CDU at the facility, with enrolments on track to open from the second quarter of this year.

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The AMEF is part of a five-year, \$8.75 million partnership between the Northern Territory Government and the AMGC, and it provides grants to industry-led advanced manufacturing projects in the Territory across priority sectors.

Quotes attributed to Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles:

"Advanced manufacturing will be a major jobs driver of the future, and this new partnership will provide local manufacturers with the ability to turn their dreams into realities.

"With Diverseco opening its doors in Darwin, we will see local businesses gain direct access to new automation and robotics solutions, which in turn will diversify and strengthen our economy.

"By growing Territory capabilities in advanced manufacturing, we are expanding industries and export opportunities, creating new opportunities for investors and exciting job opportunities for Territorians.

Quotes attributed to Minister for Advanced Manufacturing, Nicole Manison:

"This collaboration will allow businesses to be proactive in improving the efficiency and competitiveness of their operations, as well as upskilling their workforces to keep up with industry demand.

"Growing the Territory's advanced manufacturing industry is a key part of our strategy to grow the economy to 40 billion by 2030 and create more jobs."

Quotes attributed to Diverseco Managing Director Brenton Cunningham:

"Diverseco is working to deliver unique business solutions to the Northern Territory, to meet industry needs and create new commercial opportunities for local manufacturers.

"Diverseco seeks to continue to create automation solutions at the edge of possibility, increase skill capability, create pathways for youth which futureproof our workforce, and support early-stage concept and proof of design pilot research projects in advanced manufacturing.

"Diverseco's former FIFO delivery of specialised measurement solutions and services to its Territory customers will continue through on the ground Territory delivery now. We are pleased to also bring our highly regarded national and international supplier network into the Territory with us as we continue to support the vision towards industry 4.0 progression."

Advanced Manufacturing Grown Centre Northern Territory Director, Charmaine Phillips

"Since the launch of the AMEF, AMGC and the Territory Government have built a solid understanding of the manufacturing capabilities that exist in the Territory and the needs of industry.

"Diverseco's presence in the Territory will give local manufacturers direct access to leading technology and training resulting in skills capability and jobs growth."

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About Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation. 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.

Through the delivery of its world-leading research, Manufacturing Academy, workshops, and ground-breaking projects, AMGC aims to develop a highly skilled and resilient local manufacturing sector that delivers high-value products – via the integration of innovative technology – to domestic and international markets.

<http://www.amgc.org.au>

About Diverseco

Originally evolving from the industrial weighing sector, Diverseco has built on its capabilities to become one of Australia's leading integrated measurement and automation solutions provider to a broad range of industries both in Australia and abroad.

Diverseco provides our customers superior value by combining an intimate understanding of their needs with our problem-solving expertise and innovative weighing, dimensioning, packaging, inspection and robotics automation technologies. Our team has a long, strong history of converting our customers' challenges into new capabilities.

Diverseco has a proud reputation as a national, quality 'employer of choice' for close to 200 people that thrive within a culture that is founded on principles that inspire optimistic attitudes, constructive ideas and productive behaviours. <https://diverseco.com.au/about-us/>

About the Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem Fund

The Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem (AME) Fund of \$7.5 million seeks to build the advanced manufacturing ecosystem in the Northern Territory. The fund aims to grow advanced manufacturing capabilities and increase investment in and output of advanced manufacturing activity in the Northern Territory and grow the number of advanced manufacturing jobs located in the Northern Territory.

The AME fund will provide grants to industry led advanced manufacturing projects located in the Northern Territory across the Territory's priority sectors where those projects:

- Commercialise new products and processes, including transitioning a new product or process from prototype stage to full commercial operations
- Support early stage, fast fail, investment to support small scale/pilot research projects in manufacturing

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