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WESTERN SYDNEY COMPANY GIVES INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL TRANSPORT A BIG LIFT

A Western Sydney advanced manufacturing company has developed world-first technology in bulk tanker equipment to dramatically improve the safety and efficiency of corrosive chemical transport with support from the NSW Government.

NSW Minister for Jobs, Investment and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said Smeaton Grange company Omni Tanker secured a \$100,000 Building Partnerships grant from the NSW Government to help develop its super light-weight and corrosion resistant “Omni ISO Tank”.

“A Building Partnerships grant helped Omni Tanker design, engineer and manufacture two prototype tanks and prepare for testing in Germany,” Mr Ayres said.

“Now the company is exporting worldwide after gaining regulatory approvals for sales in Australia, Europe, the US, Canada, and parts of Africa and Asia.

“Omni Tanker is a great example of a Western Sydney advanced manufacturing company showing the world how it should be done. It projects up to 75 new jobs over five years could be created through its growth in international markets.”

Omni Tanker Managing Director Daniel Rodgers said the Omni ISO Tank is based on the company’s patented core technology, conceived by founder Bill Rodgers and refined by a team of skilled engineers and technicians.

“The Omni ISO Tank has been designed to safely transport Class 8 corrosive chemicals - such as acid - by road, rail and sea as well as other chemicals such as hydrogen peroxide and ammonium hydroxide,” Mr Rodgers said.

“The tank is made from advanced carbon fibre composite materials with an integrated thermoplastic interior to make it 40 per cent lighter than traditional steel tanks and highly corrosion resistant.

“Not only does the Omni ISO Tank dramatically increase the safety of moving aggressive chemicals but also makes it more efficient by allowing operators to transport more product within their weight limits and reduce maintenance costs.

“Developing this technology for Australia and as an export is testament to our skilled team and NSW’s ability to develop world-leading advanced manufacturing solutions.”

Mr Rodgers said Omni Tanker has grown from a small startup in 2006 to about 60 staff with intellectual property patents in 28 countries for its manufacturing process.

“Technology is important to give us an edge and compete in world markets. We have validated the performance of Omni Tanker with Australian road transport operators and are now launching it for intermodal transport in global markets.”

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