

## **Media Release**

The Hon Ian Macfarlane, MP

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# **\$20M FOR COMPANIES TO GET PRODUCTS 'COMMERCIAL READY'**

A new range of sound-enhancing software modules to be embedded in hearing aids and mobile phones will be developed with the help of a \$1.2 million grant under the latest round of the Australian Government's Commercial Ready program.

Federal Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane today announced Melbourne-based software innovators Dynamic Hearing would receive the grant as part of a national Commercial Ready funding round worth more than \$19.2 million for 12 projects across the country.

Nationally, 16 innovative projects were awarded more than \$19.7 million under the Commercial Ready, R&D Start and Commercialising Emerging Technologies programs.

“Dynamic Hearing’s project aims to develop new software modules for use in hearing aids, headsets, mobile phones and assisted listening devices,” Mr Macfarlane said.

“This software will improve sound quality and make it easier to hear in noisy situations – ensuring the technology offers benefits not just for the hearing impaired, but also for people using phones and headsets.

“In fact, when the company commercialises its product, it will provide the market with an innovative wireless communication module that will allow assistive listening devices to function as a headset as well as a hearing device.”

Other companies awarded Commercial Ready funding include:

- Core Medical Solutions, of SA, awarded a \$287,965 grant to market a software system for use in emergencies where the number of casualties necessitates on-site trauma care and management. The system will allow clinicians to identify patients, record treatment and communicate with other clinicians. [Contact: Dr R Ward 08 8332 9600]
- GroundProbe, of Queensland, awarded a \$2,947,172 grant to develop the next generation of “slope stability radar” technology with a more advanced system to extend range and reliability. The system will allow safer and more efficient open cut mining. [Contact: Mr G Mitchell 07 3010 8990]
- Go Medical Industries, of WA, awarded a \$2,063,001 grant to develop a drug treatment system that will be targeted at individuals who would like to end their addictions. The treatment system is based on a novel implant technology that allows for sustained therapeutic levels of the treatment drug. [Contact: Mrs P Graieg 08 9388 1700]

A list of the latest innovation grants and information on the Commercial Ready program can be found at [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au), or you can phone the AusIndustry hotline 13 28 46, or email [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.gov.au)

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