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230 STACEYS ROAD, LARA, VICTORIA  
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### **INCIDENT AT CHEMRING AUSTRALIA – MANUFACTURING FACILITY 230 STACEYS ROAD, LARA, VICTORIA**

#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:**

- The Commonwealth has been advised via e-mail of an incident that has occurred at Chemring's Lara manufacturing facility. The incident occurred inside building 20 which is used to manufacture aircraft countermeasure flares. Initial assessment of the situation indicates the powder transfer system that feeds into the mixer has ignited causing a small explosion and damage to the mixer cell and wet scrubber. The facility has been shut down and personnel not directly involved in incident management have been evacuated from the site. Nil injuries have been reported as the room is remotely operated during processing.

#### **THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:**

- The incident occurred inside building 20 on 1 March 2016 between 07:00 hrs and 07:30 hrs at Chemring's manufacturing facility at Lara, Victoria.

#### **ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:**

- Police, Work Safe Victoria and a small media presence were in attendance but have since left the site.
- As of 2 March 2016:
  - Work Safe Victoria has given permission for staff to re-enter the site including the building where the incident occurred.
  - Chemring has commenced clearing all work in progress from the product line.
  - Operations in other process buildings have returned to normal, including manufacturing of pyrotechnics.
  - Chemring has commenced an internal investigation to determine the root cause of the incident.

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