Siemens Australia CEO Jeff Connolly today attended an event celebrating ongoing development of the company’s new facility at the Tonsley advanced manufacturing hub in Adelaide.

Siemens’ state-of-the-art maintenance and repair workshop at Australia’s newest technology precinct will be completed in April and initially house about 25 employees.

Connolly is confident that number could double as the business grows.

“Precincts like Tonsley offer great potential for innovation and industry collaboration, bringing together complimentary businesses with leading academic institutions,” said Connolly.

Siemens has invested more than $5 million into the new building, which will maintain and research turbines and other equipment, used mainly in the resources and energy sector.

“The facility will be able to overhaul larger equipment for the oil and gas industries that previously would have been sent offshore. We will now be much closer to our customers and can provide greater responsiveness for critical local industries.

“This facility will attract work from heavy resource states such as Queensland and Western Australia, which otherwise would have gone overseas,” Connolly said.

South Australian Deputy Premier John Rau said Tonsley was critical to shaping South Australia’s economic future, and was quickly attracting global companies such as Siemens.

“Tonsley epitomises what the future of manufacturing in South Australia will look like,” Mr Rau said.

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