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### **Minister Peter Batchelor tips MIGfast for success**

The successful commercialisation of the new MIGfast MIG welding tip has been launched by The Hon, Peter Batchelor, MP, Minister for Energy and Resources to an audience of automotive industry and metal fabrication businesses.

The MIGfast welding tip is an advanced design consumable tip for use in MIG welding robots which are utilised extensively in the automotive, whitegoods and metal fabrication industries.

MIGfast has developed and optimised the technology and manufacturing process over the past few years based on research conducted by CSIRO and the CRC for welded structures.

The welding tip is a direct replacement for the existing tips used in MIG welding robots which means the adoption of the technology only requires robot programming changes rather than large capital expenditure normally associated with significant productivity improvement.

Benefits of the MIGfast technology include increased weld speed (up to 50%), costs cost savings form reduced energy, cover gas and welding wire use, improved working environment with lower fume levels, and reduced spatter delivering improved aesthetic value and lower clean-up resources.

“The MIGfast tip is only 3cm long but packs a powerful commercial and environmental punch” said Jan Dekker, Principal at Cleantech Ventures which manages the CEGT Fund.

“The CEGT Fund first invested in MIGfast in 2005 when we recognised the combined potential of the technology to deliver clear commercial benefits and significant energy savings and greenhouse gas abatement”.

The launch took place at Frontline Australasia’s manufacturing plant in Bangholme, Victoria. Attendees at the launch were treated to a demonstration of the MIGfast tip which is now used exclusively by Frontline for their steel MIG welding after having conducted successful trials and technology validation over the past 12 months.

“MIGfast is on the road to creating a great success story. With core technology and manufacturing capacity now in place MIGfast will focus its resources on building its customer base in Australia and overseas” said Mr Dekker.

### **Further information:**

Media Release – The Hon. Peter Batchelor, MP, Minister for Energy and Resources

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/minister-for-energy-resources/tiny-technology-to-provide-big-bonus-for-the-automotive-industry-and-the-environment.html>

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