



Ex-speaker gives QRSciences a voice

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Explosive detection group QRSciences has recruited the former speaker of the House of Representatives **Bob Halverson** in a bid to get its technology in front of the movers and shakers in Canberra.

Mr Halverson has joined QRSciences as a non-executive director as the company pushes

ahead with its plans to develop its detection technology.

A former member of the Royal Australian Air Force, Mr Halverson said it was a coincidence he had also commanded an explosives depot many years ago.

"I blew a few things up in my past and sometimes you need those sorts of skills to blow doors down in Canberra," he said.

"I've watched QRSciences and

I'm excited by what they can do and I'm excited about how I might be able to contribute."

QRSciences chief executive

Kevin Russeth said Mr Halverson's experience would complement existing board expertise in aviation and homeland security.

"We have a strong pool of the necessary skills and expertise at board level to oversee the company's progressive commercialisation of its core technologies," Mr Russeth said.

"This appointment continues the company's previously stated plans to move towards a majority non-executive board."

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Orica sells resin arm

Chemicals and explosives group Orica has agreed to sell its Australian and New Zealand adhesives and resins business to US-based Hexion Specialty Chemicals for up to \$100 million.

A spokesman said profit from the sale, "somewhere below about \$50 million", would be booked as a significant item in the group's next accounts.

The adhesives and resins business produces products mainly for the wood industry.

The spokesman said Orica was evaluating the possible sale of a similar business in Indonesia.