



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Hartnett, Sir Laurence John (1898-1986)
ACCESSION NO	1985.0103
CATEGORY	Business, individuals
ACTIVITY	Company directors Inventors
DATE RANGE	1936-1952
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.12m
HISTORICAL NOTE	Born in England in 1898, Sir Laurence served an apprenticeship with Vickers before joining General Motors in India in 1926. He then worked for General Motors in America, Sweden and England before coming to Australia in 1934. As Managing-Director of General Motors from 1934 to 1947, Sir Laurence was credited with conceiving the first fully-designed and made Australian car. He founded the Melbourne-based Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation in 1935 and was its Director until 1947. Sir Laurence was also Director of Ordnance Production in the Munitions Department for the duration of the second world war as well as establishing Singapore's munitions industry. Sir Laurence Hartnett was a staunch supporter of Australian manufacturing. He died in 1986.
DATE OF TRANSFER	14 November 1985
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	General Motor Holden office files; Ordnance Production Directorate office files, reports, photographs and other papers; Army Inventions Directorate office files administration material; Hartnett Motor Co. office files and other papers; printed material including publications.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Not known
DATE	Not known

LIST OF FILES BELONGING TO SIR LAURENCE HARTNETT AND
HANDED OVER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE FOR RETENTION
IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Date:

Signed: *L. Hartnett*

1. The Australian Magnesium Co. Pty. Ltd. 1936/38
2. Employment of Scientific and Technical Ex-Enemy Aliens (ESTEAs) Minutes of Committee Meetings. 1950/52.
3. Immigration Planning Council. 1945/50.
4. Cellulose Australia Limited.
5. White Metals (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
 - (i) History by F.T. Partridge. 1941/44
 - (ii) Report to Council for Scientific & Industrial Research.
 - (iii) Early Papers. 1941.

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