

Alarms Sent to Norway

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Christchurch high-technology company EDAC Electronics Ltd will export \$6 million of agri-tech alarm systems to Norway in the next three years.

Norwegian farmers have already proven to be good customers of the Riccarton based business, which specialises in alarm communication products. Once the new system to allow automatic monitoring of grain levels in silos is available, EDAC plans to ship the units to its distributor in Norway.

EDAC Project manager Henry Bettle, who left for Norway yesterday to promote the silo alarm system, said the new hardware platform and software configuration was “breakthrough” technology. It would enable a computer to send an automatic alert to a truck driver when grain levels in the silo needed replenishing.

“That’s hugely important in the northern hemisphere, where animals are grain-fed and barn reared rather than put out to pasture.”

EDAC had been approached by a Norwegian company in Oppdal, about 300km north of Oslo, last year looking for a partner to produce a voice-alarm dialler that would work with its fire alarm systems on farms.