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XTEK secures ~A\$1m contract to leverage actionable intelligence for the Australian Army in next phase of C4 EDGE collaboration

Wednesday, 23 December 2020: **XTEK Limited (ASX:XTE)** (“XTEK”) is pleased to announce its inclusion in the next phase of the Command Control Communications and Computers - Evolutionary Digital Ground Environment (“C4 EDGE”) Program. This an all-Australian industry consortium demonstrating a sovereign Battlegroup and Below Battlefield Command System (“BG-BCS”). Under the \$34.4m Commonwealth Contract Awarded to the program’s Prime Contractor, XTEK has secured a contract for the C4 EDGE Program worth ~A\$1 million. As part of the Program, XTEK will provide airborne, CBRNE and geo-spatial capability utilising existing product lines alongside new technical development. XTEK is collaborating with 18 other small and medium Australian SMEs for a deliverable to the Australian Army.

Key highlights

- **XTEK joins 17 other companies led by EOS Defence Systems in the next phases of the C4 EDGE Program, scoping the development of a sovereign land battlegroup and C4 environment for the Australian Army.**
- **Remaining phases of the program involve the design, development and manufacturing of a tactical military communications prototype, with intention to deliver by end of 2021.**
- **Follows the successful delivery of the first phase, for the scoping of the C4 Edge concept.**
- **This strategic collaboration provides XTEK the opportunity to leverage unique capabilities of XTAtlas™ and enhance the situational awareness of select frontline soldiers.**

Mr. Philippe Odouard, XTEK MD, commented:

“We are excited to be contributing our technology and knowledge to this Australian collaboration. C4 EDGE provides XTEK with the opportunity to further leverage the benefits of our home grown XTAtlas™ technology, along with other sub-systems and technology from distinguished Australian based partners. The potential to utilise XTAtlas™ to enable a small unmanned aerial systems vehicle to locate, track and communicate targets to a remote weapon system is one of the many exciting aspects of this program.”

The Government’s 2020 Defence Strategic Update stipulates an investment pipeline for battlefield communications and command systems of A\$5.0bn and A\$7.5bnⁱ over the next 20 years. An alliance of Australian SMEs led by Canberra-based EOS Defence Systems Pty Limited has won a \$34.4 million contract to demonstrate a sovereign BG-BCS. The C4 EDGE program will leverage internationally agreed open standards to grow and demonstrate Australian C4 industry capacity and the ability to deliver a BG-BCS for the Army by the end of 2021. The demonstration includes the development of the tactical communications prototype, which includes waveform, cryptography, satellite-enabled friendly-force tracking, radio and hardware manufacture.

The first phase of the Program involves the scoping for C4 EDGE program participants. XTEK successfully completed this phase in October 2020 on schedule and within budget.

XTEK will leverage its proprietary XTAtlas™ software, that currently focuses on geospatial situational awareness from sensor feeds including SUAS video and meta data. XTEK plans to incorporate other sensor data, including XTEK’s own SARBI (Sensor and Radiation Broadband Interface) to enhance the situational awareness of assets, with sensors able to be worn by a soldier or interfaced to manned (or unmanned) systems. Under the C4 EDGE Program, XTEK proposes to publish XTAtlas™ data to select soldiers in the frontline. In addition, XTEK also expects to further develop and optimise other aspects of its actionable intelligence software capability in line with the requirements of the C4 EDGE Program.

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Announcement authorised by the XTEK Limited Board of Directors.

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About C4 EDGE Program

The Command Control Communications and Computers - Evolutionary Digital Ground Environment Program is a unique approach to defence and industry cooperation with eighteen Australian companies currently collaborating commercially and technically. The C4 EDGE Program intends to deliver a capability demonstration of a sovereign battle group and below land communications environment for the Australian Army by end of 2021. The Program will demonstrate the mature engineering and systems integration capability of Australian sovereign industry.

About XTEK Limited

XTEK Limited provides high-quality products to deliver tailored solutions to the government, law enforcement, military, space and commercial sectors. XTEK is focused on developing and commercialising its proprietary technologies by leveraging its established distribution network. These technologies include XTclave™ produced ballistic products and advanced composite solutions, and XTatlas™ real time contextual video, which provide unique solutions for western military forces and other government agencies. In addition, the supply and maintenance of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (SUAS) remains a focus for XTEK. For more information visit the XTEK website at www.xtek.net.

ⁱ https://www1.defence.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-11/Factsheet_Land.pdf