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Federal Government - NEXTDC Certified Strategic

NEXTDC Limited (**ASX:NXT**) ("**NEXTDC**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce that it has been certified by the Australian Federal Government's Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) as a **Certified Strategic Hosting Provider** of data centre services.

This status represents the highest level of data centre certification attainable under the Government's newly released Hosting Certification Framework. The Hosting Cortication Framework is designed to assist agencies to mitigate against supply chain and data centre ownership risks and enable them to identify and source appropriate hosting and related services.

To better serve its public sector customers, and to support the certification of its hyperscale cloud customers that supply the public sector, the Company took the decision to seek the highest level of certification for its entire national fleet of data centres (Brisbane B1 & B2, Sydney S1 & S2, Canberra C1, Melbourne M1 & M2, and Perth P1 & P2).

NEXTDC Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Craig Scroggie, commented on the certification:

"As digital transformation continues to accelerate across the public sector, protecting and securing data is a critically important priority. The risks of data breaches caused by the nefarious activities of foreign actors continues to escalate, increasing the threat landscape for infrastructure providers. We are pleased to achieve and committed to maintaining the highest level of certification under the Federal Government's Hosting Certification Framework."

Authorised for release by the Board of NEXTDC.

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About NEXTDC

NEXTDC is an ASX 100-listed technology company and Asia's most innovative Data Centre-as-a-Service provider. We are building the infrastructure platform for the digital economy, delivering the critical power, security and connectivity for global cloud computing providers, enterprise and government.

NEXTDC is recognised globally for the design, construction and operation of Australia's only network of Uptime Institute certified Tier IV facilities, and the only data centre operator in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve Tier IV Gold certification for Operational Sustainability. NEXTDC has a strong focus on sustainability and operational excellence through renewable energy sources and delivering world-class operational efficiency. Our data centres have been engineered to deliver exceptional levels of efficiency and the industry's lowest Total Cost of Operation through NABERS 5-star energy efficiency.

NEXTDC's corporate operations have been certified carbon neutral under the Australian Government's *Climate Active* Carbon Neutral Standard.

Our Cloud Centre partner ecosystem is Australia's most dynamic digital marketplace, comprising more than 660 carriers, cloud providers and IT service providers, enabling local and international customers to source and connect with cloud platforms, service providers and vendors to build complex hybrid cloud networks and scale their critical IT infrastructure services.

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