



**ASX Announcement** 

# ROCKETON A RECEIVES CASA APPROVAL FOR AUTONOMOUS 'DRONE-IN-A-BOX SOLUTION' IN AUSTRALIA

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approval received to operate RocketDNA's autonomous drone product ('drone-in-a-box') in Australia
- Approval received for two autonomous drone systems (DJI Dock System and Hextronics Global Drone Station), which includes Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) and Remote Operations
- 1st company in Australia to receive approval for DJI's new to market Dock System
- Follows extensive approval process including assessment of RocketDNA's remote operating centre and, deployment and operational risk assessment (SORA) methodology and policies

**30 August 2023, RocketDNA Ltd (ASX: RKT)**, a global drones-as-a-service provider, is pleased to announce the approval from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to operate remote autonomous drone solutions in Australia.

**Approval process:** CASA is the national regulator in Australia who maintains oversight and provides approval within the civil aviation industry, including commercial drone operations. RocketDNA has undergone a thorough approval process with CASA which includes assessment of processes including RocketDNA's remote operating centre in Perth WA, and deployment and operational risk assessment (SORA) methodology and policies, as well as demonstration to CASA of autonomous drone operation.

**Scope:** Approval was received from CASA for two autonomous drone systems (DJI Dock System and Hetronics Global Drone Station) to be used by RocketDNA, which includes Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) flights. RocketDNA is the 1st company in Australia to receive approval for the DJI Dock System.

**RocketDNA products:** The approvals allow for RocketDNA to provide its customers with automated operational workflows using drones and Al. RocketDNA has already developed three X-Bot (Drone-in-a-box) branded product offerings:

- InspectBot | RocketDNA
- PatrolBot | RocketDNA
- SurveyBot | RocketDNA

RocketDNA CEO Christopher Clark said: "We have been busy over many months preparing our autonomous drone products for releases which we now have CASA approval for and which concides with DJI releasing in the market its DJI Dock System. Key elements of approval include for our remote operating centre, BVLOS flights at authorised sites in Australia and, methodologies and policies. Future approvals





will be faster, more efficient and form part of business as usual as we look to deploy our 'drone-in-a-box' solution on customer sites.

The idea is that we can create safer and more sustainable work environments by using our autonomous drone-based, remote geo-data solutions; keeping teams out of dangerous environments as well as a multitude of use cases we see our mining customers showing interest in.

Led by the arrival of the highly anticipated DJI Dock, as a company, we now have various applications for data collection possible to be conducted remotely. We have already deployed our first DJI Dock to a customer site (gold mine) in Western Australia, where the team will begin implementing autonomous flights into existing operations."



RocketDNA drone-in-a box installation on a client mine site in Western Australia

For further information about developments of RocketDNA's drone-in-a box products, visit our recent blog post <u>here</u>.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of RocketDNA Ltd.

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#### **About RocketDNA**

**RocketDNA Ltd (ASX: RKT),** formerly Delta Drone International Limited, is a ASX listed is a multi-national drone-based data service and technology solutions provider for the mining, agricultural and engineering industries.

**Services** are aerial surveying and mapping, security and surveillance, and blast monitoring and fragment analysis through a fully-outsourced service with AI and fast data turnaround that allows enterprise customers to focus on operations on the ground while RocketDNA takes care of everything in the air.

**Revenues** are generated through multi-year recurring revenue contracts and short projects which also have the potential to be recurring. Key customer contracts include with tier 1 and tier 2 miners, South32, Newmont Mining, Red 5 and Seriti Coal.

RocketDNA's operations are focused on Australia and Africa with regional offices in Perth, Johannesburg & Accra.

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