

## Reconstitution of Board of Directors

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**SYDNEY, NSW and COLUMBIA, MD USA** – Department 13 International Limited (ASX:D13) today announced the appointment of two Non-Executive Directors, James O'Neill and Ryan Whitelegg to the Board, following the resignation of Stephen Shattil and Dr Kathleen Kiernan from the Board as previously advised.

James and Ryan are both highly experienced in their respective fields and are expected to be very actively involved in assisting the Company execute on its strategies, more detail of which will be disclosed with the interim results on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **James R. O'Neill**

James has held several senior-level management positions with leading global corporations, having a key focus upon systems and services to governments and corporations, across the communications, information technology, security and defence sectors over the last 39-years.

Most recently, James served as Chief Executive Officer at Siemens Enterprise Communications Group, with responsibility for annual revenues of €4bn across 86 nations. Prior to this James held positions as:

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CompuDyne Corporation, directing ~500 employees, across public-safety products and 911 software.
- Corporate Vice President and President of Northrop Grumman's Information Technology Sector, where he directed ~US\$7bn in sales and services of advanced IT engineering and business solutions for public and private-sector clients.
- President of Northrop Grumman Information Technology's TASC Unit, directing IT services to the United States Government and private sector clients.
- Senior Vice President of Communications and Utilities at Oracle, where he led the firm's sales-and-consulting groups, in the worldwide, communications-and-utilities sectors, with customers including AT&T, Sprint, Bell South, Verizon and other global telephone companies.
- President of Lucent Technology Government Solutions Group, where James oversaw 2,000 laboratory employees working on contracts for government agencies, including the CIA, National Security Agency, United States Air Force and Army and the UK's Ministry of Defence and MI6.
- James' other positions include senior roles with Digital Equipment and Sanders / Lockheed Martin.

His skill set has seen him lead companies through challenging periods of change, reorganization and growth, implementing turn around strategies to drive companies from loss to profit making. More specifically James' career has been built on three core capabilities:

- 1) Supplying dynamic, result-driven leadership, often under challenging circumstances
- 2) Simplifying complex issues and challenges
- 3) Communicate effectively to finance, media government and other corporates

James holds a deep network of senior-executive relationships across tier-1 information technology, defence and communications companies. He also holds multiple Board memberships:

- Chairman, Professional Services Council (2008)
- Vice Chairman, Northern Virginia Technology Council
- Intelligence and National Security Alliance
- American Heart Association
- Technology Council of Maryland
- XiDronee Systems Inc. (Chief Strategy Officer)

### **Ryan Whitelegg**

Ryan has over 20 years investment banking experience and has managed and operated corporate finance, stock broking, private equity and research departments, with a main focus on both listed and unlisted emerging companies and industries.

As a Co-Founder and Managing Director of Henslow, Ryan has acted as corporate advisor to D13 for the past 18-months and has been highly involved in a recent strategic review process that the Company has undertaken. Ryan and Henslow were the lead advisor to D13 on the recently announced \$10m debt facility and the previous \$12m convertible note.

Prior to Henslow, Ryan was the Chief Operating Officer of Austock Group, overseeing a diverse portfolio including Investment Banking, Property and Asset Management, Private Equity and Life Insurance businesses.

Ryan is currently an Executive Director of Henslow and a Non-Executive Director of Boardroom Pty Ltd.

Department 13 CEO, Jonathan Hunter, commented: *"I would like to thank both Stephen and Dr. Kiernan for their contribution to the Company and wish them the best in the future. While, Stephen Shattil has resigned from the Board he remains as D13's Chief Science Officer, fulfilling a key role in the business."*

*I am delighted to welcome both James and Ryan to the Board. Both individuals have had substantial involvement in the Business to date and bring with them a broad range of experience and skills to help strategically drive the D13 business forward and assist in implementing the Companies refreshed corporate strategy."*

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**About Department 13**

Based in Maryland, Department 13 (D13) was founded in 2010 by a team of former military operators, scientists and engineers who apply proprietary innovative advanced technology to emerging requirements. D13 is developing cutting-edge software and communication systems that have the potential to transform the networking and communication fields as well as current applications in drone defense, mobile phone IT security and secure enhanced Android phone systems. D13 is engaged with multiple counter UAS projects to provide strategic solutions for civil, military and commercial security requirements. D13 has a substantial intellectual property portfolio covering wireless protocol manipulation and communication networking software with applications in drone defense, local area and wide area cellular communications and networking, enhanced data bandwidth for all digital communications, cyber security for mobile devices and sophisticated RF technology applications (radiometrics). For more information about D13, please visit [www.department13.com](http://www.department13.com) or follow us on Twitter (@D13ASX), LinkedIn and YouTube.