

EPE appointed as Australasian Regional Distribution Partner

Highlights

- **EPE is the leading provider of Counter Threat EOD/IED and Force Protection Electronic Countermeasure (FPECM) Equipment within Australia and New Zealand Regions**
- **EPE confirms growing demand in the Australasian region for effective drone defence solution**

Department 13 (ASX: D13) (“D13” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of EPE, the leading Australasian provider of Counter Threat EOD and Electronic Countermeasure equipment, as the regional distribution partner in Australia and New Zealand for D13.

The appointment of EPE provides D13 with direct access to the Australian and New Zealand defence and security markets for its patented counter-drone security products. EPE has extensive experience in these markets and has been developing relationships with law enforcement and military counter terrorist agencies in the Australian government since 2000.

Jonathan Hunter, CEO of D13 stated, “We are very pleased to be partnering with EPE, the leading providers of electronic countermeasures in Australasia. EPE has already identified potential customers for our current and emerging counter drone products and importantly, has a thorough understanding of the Australasian market and the contract processes involved with regional defense and law enforcement.

Mr Hunter added “EPE’s highly credible performance record in supporting and maintaining products which employ software defined radio technologies proves EPE to be an optimal partner to provide the Support and Maintenance infrastructure for D13’s counter-drone technology. EPE has proven business development relationships in all of the Australasian target markets for D13’s counter-drone products. We look forward to working together to enhance opportunities for counter drone solutions.”

Warwick Penrose, CEO of EPE said, “We are pleased to establish this formal partnership with D13 and are excited by the innovative technology D13 is bringing to market. Drone defence complements our other product lines and leverages our understanding of the dynamic security requirements of our clients. We are experiencing growing demand for effective drone defence systems in our home territory and are excited by the potential D13’s new counter drone technology offers.”

EPE provides the largest range of bomb disposal technologies into the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) and police, with over 25 different systems in service. EPE is a significant supplier of Force Protection Electronic Counter-Measures (FPECM) to Australian and New Zealand Military and to other Australian government agencies.

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About D13

D13 was founded in Virginia in 2010 by a team of former military operators, scientists and engineers who develop and commercialise innovative proprietary technology products.

D13 is developing and has patented a number of cutting edge products that have the potential to transform the data networking and telecommunication industries as well as new applications in drone defense, mobile phone IT security and data encryption.

D13 has 9 patents and 15 patent applications in the development of 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;
- Sophisticated applications in the RF environment (Radiometrics).

Department 13 is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the ASX ticker code D13.

About EPE

EPE specializes in the provision and implementation of best value force protection systems, services, equipment, maintenance, training and specialist staff support to the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces, Attorney General's Department (AGD), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and other customers in the fields of Counter Improvised Explosive Device (CIED) systems; Weapons Technical Intelligence (WTI); Force Protection Electronic Counter Measures (FPECM); Force Protection and Search; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence (CBRND); and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR)

EPE currently provides the largest range of CIED technology into the Australian Defence Force and Police Bomb Response Units with over 25 different systems in service. EPE is the largest provider of CIED robotics to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and also currently supplies and supports a significant fleet of FPECM to the Commonwealth of Australia (CoA) and New Zealand governments.

Since 2006, EPE's Field Service Representatives (FSRs) have deployed on a permanent basis and for short notice/short term tasking in the Middle East Region (MER). EPE FSR's deploy on a constant rotational roster on a permanent basis to Afghanistan providing 365 day support, and as a semi-permanent basis to Iraq.

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