



## MEDIA RELEASE

### XTEK is Taking to the Skies

#### *Aussie Defence Company bringing unmanned expertise to the commercial market*

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XTEK Limited (ASX:XTE) the Australian explosive ordnance disposal and robotics leader is applying its expertise to the Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) market developing a regional aerial imaging service for the surveying, mining, agricultural, government and environmental monitoring sectors.

Traditionally, aerial services have been provided by manned aircraft, often at high cost. Through the use of small unmanned aerial vehicles, XTEK can provide Australian companies with exceptionally cost-effective, timely solutions to meet their aerial imaging needs.

The planned range of XTEK UAV imaging services will be offered to the commercial sector at a highly competitive rate using XTEK's CASA certified remote pilots. Also included in this new service are the maintenance, servicing and repair of UAVs and UAV training for companies who wish to purchase their own vehicles.

Situated in Canberra and building on significant unmanned vehicle experience from the military and law enforcement fields, the planned XTEK UAV service capability will be customised to Australian conditions and can be tailored to provide bespoke solutions for client projects.

These planned services complement XTEK's significant experience in the sale and service of unmanned systems in Australia, which includes representing a comprehensive range of high-end unmanned tactical, bomb disposal and aerial vehicle products including tEODor, Telemax, Recon Scout, ICOR Caliber, Mesa Scorpion, NIC First Responder and AeroVironment unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which are primarily utilised by Military and Law Enforcement Agencies.

XTEK is also the only Australian distributor for the world leading AeroVironment range of UAS and will also be offering the Raven and Qube systems as part of this service capability.

Tibor Fekete, Head of Business Development at XTEK explains how the company will bring strong competition to the market: "XTEK UAV Services will deliver UAV Aviation Services using relatively small UAVs with flexible airframes that can be configured with various payloads to meet a client's specific technical requirements.





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“With all of our products remaining under 6kg in size, these are relatively small, cost-effective platforms compared to the manned aircraft options commonly in use today. Such an approach will ensure clients are offered the most up to date and cost-effective Aviation Services whilst remaining in-tune with new and innovative technology developments”.

The development of this UAV services capability at XTEK demonstrates the Company’s ability to provide solutions to satisfy contemporary client requirements and highlights the first-class quality of the XTEK technical team and its innovative suppliers. XTEK is proud to be so involved in the development and use of UAV technology here in Australia and recognises such work as a key component of its efforts to develop a world-class national technical base.

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**About XTEK Limited**

XTEK LIMITED is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange main board (ASX code: XTE). The only listed homeland security company in Australia, XTEK is one of the top Small Medium Enterprise (SME) Defence Contractors providing equipment, training and support services to Federal and State Government Departments and Police Forces responsible for Australia's national internal security. <http://www.xtek.net/>

