AUCloud secures New Accreditation plus signs Master Services Agreement with Hitachi Vantara

Sovereign Cloud Holdings Limited ("SOV or the Company") provides the following update on two recent activities.

1. New Accreditation

The company is pleased to confirm our status as the first Cloud Service Provider to have secured Phase 2 "Authority to Operate" under the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) Cloud Assessment and Authorisation Framework (CAAF).

Mandated in July 2020, the CAAF requires detailed information on the ownership and overseas operational access across all data types (metadata, support and analytics data) and not simply customer data. The extension of the CAAF to Cloud Services Providers aligns with the Hosting Certification Framework announcements made in June around the certification of three initial Data Centre Providers, and forms part of the Federal Governments ongoing commitment to strengthening controls around the hosting of government systems and data.

AUCloud Managing Director Phil Dawson said "The CAAF is as diligent as any cloud risk assessment and accreditation process that I have experienced in the world. It is already delivering on its objectives, which are not only to maintain best practice security standards and related controls but to accelerate uptake of cloud services across government".

2. Master Services Agreement with Hitachi Vantara Australia Pty Limited

AUCloud is also pleased to announce it has signed a Master Services Agreement with Hitachi Vantara in Australia to enable AUCloud to deliver its IaaS service to Hitachi Vantara in support of Government and Corporate customers looking for a secure sovereign cloud platform.

Phil Dawson said "By working with Hitachi Vantara, AUCloud believes it will be able to enhance the deployment of Hitachi Vantara's services in alignment with Australian government and critical industry standards to address sovereign data risks. We are delighted that Hitachi Vantara will be the first of what we envisage will be multiple, sophisticated global IT service management and technology providers engaging with AUCloud in this manner."

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Hitachi Vantara Vice President & Managing Director Australia & New Zealand, Adrian Johnson commented "Hitachi Vantara is a significant and growing provider of managed services and hardware to Australian governments and critical industries. The relationship with AUCloud provides a strong offering to support our customers looking for a secure sovereign cloud platform whilst maintaining the security standards they expect from Hitachi Vantara. The cultural fit between the Hitachi Vantara and AUCloud teams, combined with the quality of our engineering, security and market reach is a powerful driver for more rapidly growing our business."

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About Sovereign Cloud Holdings
Sovereign Cloud Holdings (operating as AUCloud) provides highly secure, standards based, sovereign cloud Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) to Australian Government and Critical National Industry communities. This includes Federal, State and Local Governments and CNI organisations such as telecommunications, electricity, energy, financial services and similar utility providers.

Managed, operated and monitored in Australia by security cleared Australian citizens, all services and data hosted by Sovereign Cloud Holdings remains in Australia. This includes all customer data, account data, metadata, support data and derived analytics data.

For further information, please visit: AUCloud – Australian Sovereign Cloud (australiacloud.com.au)

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