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**DEFENCE INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE JOINS EDEN AS STRATEGIC ADVISOR TO
SPEARHEAD EDENSHIELD® GROWTH**

Highlights

- Julie Bown brings a strong track record in the defence sector, having held senior leadership roles with major defence contractors Raytheon and Thales (in Australia).
- More than 30 years' experience in the defence and aerospace sectors, leading large-scale, multi-site operations and delivering complex, mission critical capabilities across advanced manufacturing, base operations, sustainment and systems integration.
- Deep relationships across the Australian defence ecosystem, supported by international experience working in the United States, United Kingdom and Europe, including with leading aerospace organisations and through collaboration with global defence primes.
- Ms Bown is also a former Visiting Fellow of the Australian Defence College, Centre for Defence Strategic Studies, and previously served as Deputy Chair - Space Committee, American Chamber of Commerce.
- Her appointment to Eden as Strategic Adviser - Defence, follows the establishment of Eden's defence, military & infrastructure division, EdenShield®.
- EdenShield® was launched to commercialise Eden's product suite across critical infrastructure and national security applications including drones, data centres, bunkers, military bases, airports, hospitals and defence-related buildings.
- Ms Bown will support business development for EdenShield® through engagement with Defence and government stakeholders, alignment of Eden's technologies to operational requirements, and progression of commercialisation pathways for EdenShield® products.

Eden Innovations Ltd (ASX: EDE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Julie Bown as Strategic Advisor – Defence, supporting the Company's recently launched EdenShield® division, effective immediately.

This initiative is aligned with the Australian Government's **National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program**, including the 2026 updates, which emphasise strengthening the resilience of the Defence estate, including hardened infrastructure and critical support systems, in an increasingly complex and contested strategic environment.

Ms Bown will provide strategic advice to the Board and management team to support engagement with Defence and government stakeholders, alignment of Eden's technologies to operational requirements, and progression of commercialisation pathways for EdenShield®, including applications across protective infrastructure, advanced materials and energy resilience.

Ms Bown is a highly experienced senior executive with more than 30 years' experience across the defence and aerospace sectors. She has held senior leadership roles with global Defence primes Thales and Raytheon (in Australia), with responsibility for large-scale, multi-site operations and the delivery of complex, mission-critical capabilities across **advanced manufacturing, base operations, sustainment and systems integration**.

She brings deep experience working with Defence and government stakeholders and a strong track record in translating technology into operational capability and scalable programs. Her experience includes exposure to high-assurance Defence environments, including **explosive ordnance manufacture, storage and sustainment**, and the delivery of infrastructure and capability across maritime, air and land domains.

Her appointment to Eden comes at a pivotal time for the Company, as it expands its focus to include defence and military products at a time of elevated global conflict and increased demand for its specialised Edencrete, Optiblend and CNT-infused plastics from the military, defence and infrastructure sectors.

Ms Bown has held senior executive roles with some of the world's largest and most well-known defence companies including:

- Thales: (Vice President - Vehicle & Tactical Systems (Australia))
- Raytheon Australia: (General Manager – Space & Mission Systems; and Director – Joint Air Warfare Systems)

Eden's Chairman commented:

"We are pleased to appoint Julie as Strategic Advisor – Defence. Her experience in delivering complex capability and working with Defence stakeholders will strengthen Eden's engagement in priority markets and support the commercialisation of EdenShield®."

Ms Bown said:

"EdenShield® brings together a portfolio of proven technologies with clear application in enhancing the resilience of Defence and critical infrastructure. I look forward to supporting the Company's engagement with Defence and industry as these capabilities are aligned to emerging requirements across infrastructure protection and operational resilience."

Ms Bown holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Aeronautical) from the University of Sydney and an Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management. She is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a former Fellow of Australian Defence College, Centre for Defence Strategic Studies, and previously served as Deputy Chair – Space Committee, American Chamber of Commerce.

In order to incentivise the progression and commercialisation of EdenShield®, the Company has agreed to issue the following unlisted options to Ms Bown or her nominee subject to seeking shareholder approval at an upcoming meeting of shareholders:

- 1,000,000 options, exercisable at \$0.20 each, expiring 24 months from issue and vesting upon the Company achieving a 30 trading-day volume weighted average share price of at least \$0.30;
- 1,000,000 options, exercisable at \$0.30 each, expiring 24 months from issue and vesting upon the Company achieving a 30 trading-day volume weighted average share price of at least \$0.45; and
- 1,000,000 options, exercisable at \$0.40 each, expiring 24 months from issue and vesting upon the Company achieving a 30 trading-day volume weighted average share price of at least \$0.60.

Authorised for release by the Board of Eden Innovations Ltd

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