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ASX Announcement

HighCom Limited – Enters tethered drone market with first contract signed with Defence

Key highlights:

- HighCom expands its product lines into the tethered drone and passive aerial communications domain.
- HighCom Technology partners with Menet Aero for opportunities in the APAC region.
- HighCom Technology has been awarded contract to supply a Variable Height Antenna (VHA) tethered drone system to Defence for test and evaluation activities.

HighCom Limited (ASX: HCL) (HighCom or the Company) is pleased to announce that its subsidiary HighCom Technology has partnered with Menet Aero to provide the Australian Department of Defence (**Defence**) with a Tethered Unmanned Aerial System (TeUAS) referred to as a Variable Height Antenna (VHA) capability for test and evaluation.

TeUAS technology connects an uncrewed aerial vehicle (UAV), via a tether, to a ground station creating a high-altitude mast solution. The system provides continuous power for extended flight, secure wired data transfer, and enhanced stability. TeUAS solutions replace battery constraints with continuous operation and are ideal for persistent passive surveillance and communication.

Menet Aero is a U.S. aerospace solutions provider specialising in the design and manufacture of advanced tethered unmanned aircraft systems (TeUAS). HighCom is excited to explore collaborative use cases for this technology with industry partners, aiming to accelerate capability development and deliver enhanced operational effects for defence and security customers.

This milestone builds upon HighCom's growing portfolio of advanced uncrewed systems, sensor payloads, and integrated mission support offerings. The addition of tethered aerial capabilities strengthens the Company's role as a technology integrator and trusted provider of evolving communications and surveillance solutions.

Mr Bede Galvin, HighCom Technology's Senior Advisor (Strategy and Business Development), said that "This significant partnership and the signing of a contract with Defence underscores our market position as a key technology integrator bringing new capabilities, systems and support services to the Defence sector.

"Tethered drones address many of the field limitations of battery-driven drones in providing passive continuous surveillance and communications that are critical for defence personnel and operations in the field. We're excited to be commencing this project with Defence, and we look forward to providing further updates as test and evaluation activities progress."

This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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About HighCom Limited

Highcom Group (ASX:HCL) is comprised of HighCom Ltd (Australia), and its two distinct businesses – HighCom Armor & HighCom Technology.

HighCom Armor designs, manufactures, and supplies global military, law enforcement, and first responder customers with world-class, advanced personal protection ballistic products and solutions for Body Armour, Ballistic Helmets, and Composite Armour Panels & Platform Structures.

HighCom Technology supplies Australian Defence and Security Agencies with world-leading Small Uncrewed Aerial Systems (SUAS) and Sensor Payloads, and provides local Program, Project and Engineering Management, Systems Integration, Maintenance, Composite Repairs, and Logistics Support Services.

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