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## **Successful Completion of Defence Innovation Hub Project**

**DroneShield Ltd** (ASX:DRO) (**DroneShield** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has delivered all Contractual elements of the Artificial Intelligence Computer Vision System (ACVS) program to the Australian Department of Defence under the Phase 2 Defence Innovation Hub program <u>originally announced</u> on 15 Nov 2021.

The contract value is approximately \$800,000. The contract amount has been fully received by DroneShield through milestone progress payments, made up to the end of 2022.

The program has resulted in significant improvements to DroneShield's optical/thermal Al <u>DroneOptID</u><sup>™</sup> engine, as well as development of a ground-breaking multi-Sensor Fusion Artificial Intelligence (SFAI) engine that is expected to be a core part of DroneShield's Command-and-Control system <u>DroneSentry-C2</u><sup>™</sup> in 2023.



Video: DroneShield DroneOptID<sup>™</sup>

After the final demonstration to a wide variety of Defence stakeholders, DroneShield CTO Angus Bean commented, "It is clear that the multi-sensor fusion system created by DroneShield is truly unique on a global scale. The algorithms and architecture being used are producing excellent user outcomes, without the 'server-farm' levels of compute-power that similar systems require. The SFAI system represents a significant step-change in our C2 capability".

DroneShield CEO, Oleg Vornik, added "The Australian Government's Defence Innovation Hub funding and project support has been critical in accelerating this technology and making it a reality. Development of sovereign industry capability is a key stated priority of the Australian Government. The Defence Innovation Hub is driving this commitment by supporting Australian companies to build real sovereign capability in Australia, by Australians."

This announcement has been approved for release to the ASX by the Board.



## **Further Information**

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## About DroneShield Limited

DroneShield (ASX:DRO) provides Artificial Intelligence based platforms for protection against advanced threats such as drones and autonomous systems. We offer customers bespoke counterdrone (or counter-UAS) and electronic warfare solutions and off-the-shelf products designed to suit a variety of terrestrial, maritime or airborne platforms. Our customers include military, intelligence community, Government, law enforcement, critical infrastructure, and airports globally.

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