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C4 EDGE SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION

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The Command, Control, Communications and Computers – Evolutionary Digital Ground Environment (C4 EDGE), Australian Army-sponsored sovereign industry initiative achieved a major milestone at a battlegroup and below prototype demonstration held at the Majura Field Firing Training Range, ACT on 6 December 2021.

The sovereign Battlegroup and Below Battlefield Command System prototype was tested in a combat environment integrating mounted, dismounted, and uninhabited platforms in a single network. The demonstration was watched by senior military commanders including sponsor for C4 EDGE, Major General Simon Stuart, Head of Land Capability, Major General Kath Toohey, Head Joint Force Integration, VCDF Group, and Major General Susan Coyle, Head Information Warfare Division, Joint Capabilities Group.

The C4 EDGE program is a collaborative industry program demonstrating local industry's ability to provide battle critical communications solutions for the land domain. Launched in 2019, C4 EDGE has grown to include 30 Australian-owned and operated SMEs. Government Defence Industry Policy has sought greater emphasis on sovereign solutions and the Defence's potential investment in all Land C4 programs is estimated to exceed \$5 billion over the next decade.

An Australian first, C4 EDGE leverages the expertise and cutting-edge technologies of its participants representing every State and Territory across Australia except the Northern Territory. It incorporates locally sourced combat radios, satellite terminals, cryptography, networking middleware, command applications, user interfaces, batteries, and power management into an effective and fully Australian-controlled system.

Matthew Jones, CEO of EOS Defence Systems Australia said, "C4 EDGE as a demonstration of Australian industry capability has surpassed expectations – proving that it has the capacity, capability and will to deliver a C4 system that can meet the future needs of the Australian Army. C4 EDGE has delivered a roadmap for the development of the sovereign C4 ecosystem including options to take the demonstration proof of concept through to commercial production."

The initial success of C4 EDGE would not have happened without the sponsorship and extensive support from the Australian Army. Jones said, "The Australian Army has provided the Defence Industry a unique opportunity to showcase Australian technology and EOS Defence Systems' ability, as the prime contractor, to deliver a complex systems integration on time and on budget."

Below is the link to a video produced by the C4 Edge partners.

https://vimeo.com/654013488

This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by Dr Ben Greene, Director.

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