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EOS Counter-Drone Product Launch

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Electro Optic Systems Holdings (“EOS” or the “Company”) announces today that it has launched a new counter-drone product named “Slinger”.

“Slinger” Counter-Drone Capability

EOS has today initiated the commercial launch of the “Slinger”, a counter-drone product, at an industry media event in Canberra. The product was launched by the Australian Federal Government Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, at an event that included representatives from industry and the Australian Defence Force.

The Slinger was developed by EOS for export markets, with a focus on addressing contemporary and emerging threats, based on lessons learned in recent conflicts such as Ukraine. It incorporates a radar, a 30mm cannon with specifically designed ammunition, and EOS’ proprietary stabilisation and pointing technology for counter-drone operations.

EOS secured the first sale of counter-drone capability in January 2023, to a US Defence Prime for delivery to Ukraine. This sale was included in EOS’ Activity Statement announcement on 30 January 2023.

Product Development and Commercialisation Process

EOS continues to develop a range of defence technology products. Typically, product development cycles in EOS’ industry can be extended and take up to five years or more. In addition, after product development has been completed, commercial product launches can take three to five years or more to achieve material revenues.

Emerging Market in Counter-Drone Technology

EOS continues to discuss requirements in counter-drone technology with potential customers. At this time, the market for counter-drone technology continues to develop. EOS has assessed the counter-drone technology market as 'emerging' and believes this market has potential to grow in the future.

As previously announced on 28 April 2023, EOS continues to have commercial discussions with potential future customers regarding our counter-drone products. These may lead to secured sales contracts in 2023 or 2024. There is no certainty that any particular outcome or transaction will result from these discussions, and EOS will update the market as appropriate.

This announcement has been authorised for release to ASX by the Board of Directors of the Company.

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The EOS Slinger counter-drone product



ABOUT ELECTRO OPTIC SYSTEMS (ASX: EOS)

EOS operates in two divisions: Defence Systems and Space Systems

Defence Systems specialises in technology for weapon systems optimisation and integration, as well as ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) and C4 systems for land warfare. Its key products include next-generation remote weapon systems, vehicle turrets, high-energy laser weapons (directed energy), as well as fully integrated and modular counter-UAS and C4 systems.

Space Systems includes all EOS space and communications businesses, and operates as two entities – Space Technologies and EM Solutions. Space Technologies specialises in applying EOS-developed optical sensors and effectors to detect, track and characterise objects in space. It includes capabilities in the domain of space control and space warfare. EM Solutions delivers world-leading RF and optical space communications technology. Its core product range centres around the development and production of high-end, broadband radio transceivers for satellite communications as well as satellite communications-on-the-move terminals for defence and government customers.

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