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IWH Group Limited, Core Defence Australia Pty Ltd, and Kinetic Effects Pty Ltd Announce AUKUS Collaboration Charter

London, UK, and Canberra, Australia, 24th September 2024 — The IWH Group Limited (IWH), Core Defence Australia Pty Ltd (CDA), and Kinetic Effects Pty Ltd (KEA) are excited to announce the formalisation of their collaboration through the signing of a comprehensive Collaboration Charter. This strategic partnership sets the framework for joint efforts to deliver superior products and services to clients in both Australia and the UK, aligning with the objectives and values of the AUKUS (Australia-UK-US) trilateral security pact by enhancing advancement of technological development activities through international collaboration at game changing pace

The Collaboration Charter establishes the foundation for a synergistic relationship between the three companies, leveraging shared expertise to deliver leading-edge defence capabilities at speed, including the development of asymmetric advantage technologies. IWH's Managing Director, Dan Bryant, said, "we are excited to work with CDA and KEA to mutually enhance and provide our capabilities into the AUKUS space. Across both Pillars we offer a direct link to capable companies and individuals with relevant and, most crucially, current expertise." Mitch Briggs, Managing Director at CDA and KEA says "I am thrilled to announce our strategic partnership with IWH, aligning with the AUKUS trilateral security pact to deliver exceptional defence solutions. Our combined highly relevant unique skillsets and experience ideally position us to enhance collaboration and support the delivery of key AUKUS Pillar I and Pillar II capabilities. Together, we are dedicated to making significant contributions to the security and prosperity of our nations."

Vision and Mission: A Shared Commitment to AUKUS Values

The core mission of this collaboration is to provide best-in-class services and solutions that reflect the ethical standards and industry best practices of both the UK and Australia, in line with the strategic goals of AUKUS, both Pillar 1 and 2.

Core Principles of the Collaboration Charter:

1. **Customer Value**

All three companies commit to delivering exceptional value to their clients by fostering a collaborative approach that prioritises the needs of the end-user. They pledge to offer superior products, services and customer service that delivers optimal value in terms of cost, capability and agility, and enhances the reputation and standing of all parties involved.

2. **Governance and Compliance**

Governance is a key element of this collaboration. The Charter ensures that governance structures are in place to facilitate smooth decision-making and risk management, with clear performance metrics to measure success. All parties will comply with relevant legislation and security requirements, particularly in the multi-jurisdictional environments of AUKUS.

3. **Enduring Relationships**

The Charter underscores the importance of sustaining positive and enduring professional relationships. Through collaborative business planning and open, transparent communication, the partners will routinely identify opportunities and engage as a team to address customer needs, managing risks and problem-solving cooperatively.

Fostering Innovation and Continuous Improvement

The partners also emphasize a commitment to identifying and working with innovative companies and to hone capability delivery through continuous improvement. Deliberate international networking opportunities will provide market advantage and regular reviews of processes and performance will allow



the collaboration to adapt to changing circumstances and strategically evolve to meet new challenges and opportunities.

AUKUS-Aligned Collaboration for Superior Outcomes

This partnership reflects the collaborative ethos of the AUKUS agreement, demonstrating the power of international cooperation between UK and Australian-based companies to deliver industry-leading products and services. The Collaboration Charter represents the first step in a long-term relationship, built on shared values, trust, and the mutual objective of providing value-driven solutions to clients across multiple sectors.

About The IWH Group Limited:

IWH Group Limited provides specialised services across the Defence, Aerospace, Marine, Offshore, Shipping, and Logistics sectors. With accredited professionals the company supports clients through proposal development, procurement, and contract execution. The IWH Group works closely with implementation teams to ensure successful project delivery, while also focusing on performance improvement by stabilizing operations, generating insights, and driving continuous innovation for greater efficiency. The company is committed to helping clients excel in complex, highly regulated industries such as AUKUS.

About Core Defence Australia Pty Ltd:

CDA delivers a comprehensive range of specialist services across all domains, including capability development and delivery, operations analysis, project management, infrastructure, engineering, integrated logistics support, Fundamental Input to Capability (FIC), international engagement, and data analytics. Committed to enhancing Australia's sovereign capability, the company supports Defence and Federal Government clients by providing high-quality, expert services that enable the protection of Australian interests and promote national sovereignty.

About Kinetic Effects Pty Ltd:

KEA offers a comprehensive range of kinetic products and non-kinetic services across all domains, enabling the government to achieve desired outcomes. The company supports and equips the Australian Defence Force and Law Enforcement with high-quality products and services tailored to their operational needs. KEA notably specialises in developing and delivering small arms targeting systems and precision long-range munitions, ensuring consistently high levels of accuracy and lethality for sniper and designated marksmen weapon systems. Their capabilities encompass the design, prototyping, testing, and manufacturing of small arms munitions, as well as training and targeting systems for snipers and designated marksmen.

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