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# OEC SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT LAND129 PHASE 3

Minister for Defence tours Balcatta manufacturing facility  
supporting Australian Army's next-gen Tactical UAS program



Minister Dutton (front row, second from right) toured Orbital UAV's manufacturing facility in Western Australia with Vince Connelly MP, Federal Member for Stirling (front row, third from left).

PERTH, AUSTRALIA: Orbital Corporation Ltd ('Orbital UAV', 'the Company') was delighted to demonstrate its sovereign defence industry capability when hosting Minister for Defence, the Hon Peter Dutton MP last week.

Alongside Vince Connelly MP, Federal Member for Stirling, Minister Dutton toured Orbital UAV's Balcatta facility, where the Company will manufacture the propulsion systems responsible for powering the Australian Army's next generation of Tactical Uncrewed Aerial Systems ('UAS') under the recently announced LAND129 Phase 3 program.

"It was a privilege to welcome Minister Dutton and Mr Connelly to our facility and showcase the advanced technology and aerospace manufacturing expertise that will support the delivery of a critical capability to the Australian Army," said John Welborn, Chairman of Orbital UAV.



“Orbital UAV has built an international export business and global reputation within the Tactical UAS market from here in Balcatta. I was delighted to be able to introduce the Minister for Defence to a team providing unique defence industry capability that will now be supporting the Australian Defence Force and building Australia’s sovereign defence capability,” said Vince Connelly MP.

### LAND129 Phase 3

Orbital UAV customer Insitu Pacific Pty Ltd was announced by Minister Dutton as the preferred supplier for LAND129 Phase 3 on 11 March 2022. The contract includes delivery and initial support of the Integrator UAS as well as associated Ground Systems and Prime Systems Integrator services.

Orbital UAV is part of a team of over 20 Australian suppliers supporting the delivery of 24 Integrator UAS. As Insitu Pacific’s primary engine supplier, Orbital UAV will manufacture and supply all propulsion systems associated with the Integrator platforms currently under the contract. Delivery of the Integrator UAS is expected through 2023 and 2024.

In a media release announcing the contract, Minister Dutton said: “This project will enhance the Australian Army’s capabilities by harnessing the innovation and cutting-edge technologies being developed right here in Australia. Insitu Pacific will manufacture the new platform at their facility in Brisbane and integrate components provided by suppliers from around Queensland and across Australia.”

### Showcasing sovereign capability

Orbital UAV has continued to grow its position in the Tactical UAS sector over the past 24 months, increasing its global customer base and identifying opportunities to expand the Company’s product and services offering to the broader uncrewed aerospace market.

Continuing to promote its sovereign defence industry capability, Orbital UAV is featured in the 2022 Australian Defence Sales Catalogue. Published by the Australian Defence Export Office, the Catalogue is used as a key export marketing tool for facilitating foreign government interest in the Australian defence industry and highlights the strength and breadth of the sector. All exports of controlled goods and technology are subject to an independent and rigorous assessment process in accordance with Australia’s Defence Export Control legislation.

The Orbital UAV team will also proudly represent Team Defence Australia at the Sea-Air-Space Exposition in Maryland, USA next month (4-6 April, 2022).

Sea-Air-Space is the largest maritime expo in the US, bringing together defence industry and key military decision makers.

“Sea-Air-Space is incredibly relevant to our current target customer market and provides a great opportunity to demonstrate our industry leading technology on the global stage with the backing of Team Defence Australia. Our heavy fuel engine technology and capability is critical for uncrewed aerial vehicles within the maritime domain and we look forward to demonstrating this at the show,” said Todd Alder, CEO & Managing Director of Orbital UAV.

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### [About Orbital UAV](#)

Orbital UAV provides integrated propulsion systems and flight critical components for tactical unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Our design thinking and patented technology enable us to meet the long endurance and high reliability requirements of the UAV market. We have offices in Australia and the United States to serve our prestigious client base.

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