



## **Leonardo joins Adelaide's Lot Fourteen space precinct in partnership with SmartSat CRC**

**Adelaide, 17 September 2020** – Leonardo commits to the South Australian space ecosystem establishing a foothold for its space service business - through its subsidiary e-GEOS - in partnership with SmartSat CRC. e-GEOS is a joint venture between Telespazio – Leonardo's subsidiary - and the Italian Space Agency.

The news was warmly welcomed by the local community and by the **Premier of South Australia Hon. Steven Marshall** who recently welcomed Leonardo at Lot Fourteen. "South Australia is the defence and space capital of the Country and it's fantastic to see another incredible international company choosing South Australia to do business" he commented. "The strong interest being shown by major national and international players is a coup for South Australia and is further evidence that Lot Fourteen is a magnet for business and jobs. The addition of Leonardo to Lot Fourteen cements my governments strong commitment to create a once in a generation hub that will generate thousands of jobs for South Australians now and into the future." Hon. Marshall stated.

As a dominant worldwide supplier in the space sector, Leonardo aims to collaborate with the Australian space industry to stimulate local growth and competitiveness in global markets.

"Lot Fourteen is the beating heart of Australia's Space activity. It is where the future of Australia's Space capability is being created. Leonardo and e-GEOS have so much space expertise to bring, technology to transfer and experience to share. We want to see the Australian Space industry grow. How could we not be part of this thrilling venture?" said **Michael Lenton, Executive Chairman of Leonardo Australia**.

"Leonardo Australia aims to work with SmartSat to harness local expertise and develop competitive business opportunities with their global partners, leading to job creation and industry growth, stated **Prof Koronios SmartSat CEO**.

"Leonardo can leverage decades on expertise and experience in space programs and plays a crucial role in several important space missions such as the Galileo global navigation system, Copernicus, COSMO-SkyMed, Prisma (Hyperspectral Precursor), ExoMars and Rosetta missions as well as the International Space Station. The Company's presence in Adelaide is a major step for the South Australian ecosystem" stated **Richard Price the Chief Executive of Defence SA**.

In 2019, Leonardo Australia through the involvement of e-GEOS (a joint venture between Telespazio – Leonardo's subsidiary - and the Italian Space Agency), became a supporting partner of Adelaide-based space Cooperative Research Centre SmartSat CRC. Leonardo Australia's partnership with SmartSat is a key driver in the company's strategy to grow its presence in the space industry within the Oceania region and to develop joint research and commercialisation opportunities. As prominent provider of the European Copernicus program, e-GEOS supports rapid security and disaster response operations all over the world, including providing Australian fire authorities rapid mapping during recent bushfires.

Leonardo Australia is the regional subsidiary of Leonardo, a global top ten high technology Defence and Space company with annual revenues of 23 bn AU\$.

Mr George Coulloupas of Leonardo Australia (Business Development Manager – Space) is leading Leonardo Australia's Space Line of Business based at Lot Fourteen. George has extensive Australian-

based experience in start-up innovation, space-derived service commercialisation and primary research in next generation satellite systems.

#### **Note to the editors:**

#### **ABOUT THE SMARTSAT CRC**

The SmartSat Cooperative Research Centre brings together over 100 national and international partners who have invested over \$190 million, along with \$55 million in Federal Government funding under its Cooperative Research Centres Program, in a \$245 million research effort over seven years. Working closely with the Australian Space Agency, SmartSat will make a strong contribution to the Australian Government's goal of tripling the size of the space sector to \$12 billion and creating up to 20,000 jobs by 2030. Priority industry sectors for SmartSat include telecommunications, agriculture and natural resources, transport and logistics, mining, and defence and national security.

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#### **ABOUT LEONARDO**

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of Aerospace & Defence sector of DJSI in 2019.

Leonardo Australia has been supplying Australia since 1885 and has a mandate to represent all Leonardo Lines of Business, Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures in Australia and New Zealand. The principle business activities of Leonardo Australia rest within helicopters, naval projects and electronics as well as a new Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Facility, currently being established in Victoria. Alongside developing projects with SmartSat CRC, Leonardo Australia is preparing to deliver world leading geo-information expertise and unique access to dual military and civil satellites provided by e-GEOS.

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