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**MINELAB AWARDED CONTRACT TO DEVELOP NEW HANDHELD DEVICE
DETECTOR FOR THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE**

Minelab Electronics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Codan Limited, has been awarded a \$6.7m contract by the Department of Defence to develop a new Handheld Device Detector (HDD). The funding received under this contract is to further develop a dual sensor metal detector which incorporates ground penetrating radar. It will partially offset the development costs of the product, and the project is expected to be completed by 2018.

The development of the HDD builds on Minelab's success in technology development and product innovation for use in military programmes.

Codan is particularly pleased to be of service to the ADF and to provide an enhanced capability that currently does not exist. Once the HDD enters into service with the ADF, we are confident that other militaries will seek the same level of capability, broadening our market for countermeasure products.

The contract supports Codan's stated strategy of growing its profitability by improving and broadening our product offerings while ensuring our value propositions remain relevant and leading-edge.

Previous to this award, in March 2014, Minelab was selected by the Department of Defence's Rapid Prototype Development and Evaluation (RPDE) programme to receive \$1.0m in funding to further integrate metal detection and ground penetration radar technologies into a lightweight and compact mechanical platform. In December 2014, RPDE provided an additional \$1.3m in funding, and Minelab subsequently produced an advanced prototype of the HDD.

Cooperating with NIITEK Inc., the HDD will combine Minelab's new Multiple Frequency Continuous Wave metal detection technology and NIITEK's advanced ground penetrating radar. The HDD was designed taking into account the comprehensive requirements of the ADF, supplemented with feedback from Army User Groups. It will include advanced detection technologies as well as new standards of compactness and ergonomics.

On behalf of the Board



Michael Barton
Company Secretary

Codan is an industrial technology company that provides robust technology solutions that solve customers' communications, safety, security and productivity problems in some of the harshest environments around the world. Our customers include United Nations organisations, mining companies, security and military groups, government departments, major corporates as well as individual consumers and small-scale miners.

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