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TECHNOLOGY IN EARTHQUAKE-RAVAGED HAITI

World-leading wireless communications equipment manufactured in South Australia is playing a vital role in assisting United Nations and other humanitarian agencies with their relief efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

South Australian-based Codan Limited (ASX: "CDA") is providing the major UN agencies and several non-government organisations (NGOs) currently working in the Caribbean country with specialised high frequency (HF) radio communications equipment made at its Newton headquarters.

The NGOs include:

- International Red Cross;
- Merlin (Medical Emergency Relief International);
- Médecins du Monde (Doctors of the World);
- Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders);
- IOM (International Organisation for Migration);
- Oxfam;
- Goal (an Irish non-government organisation), and;
- DFID (the UK Government's Department of International Development).

Codan has issued a "high priority" order to fast track any future orders of equipment heading to the ravaged country to assist emergency relief efforts.

Minelab Electronics – a subsidiary of Codan – has also donated five metal detectors to the United States' Red Cross organisation to assist in its relief efforts in Haiti.

More than 230,000 people are believed to have been killed following an earthquake which hit Haiti on 12 January this year.

Hundreds of thousands of Haitians were injured, while another 1.2 million have been left homeless by the earthquake which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale.

"Codan has a deep and ongoing commitment to serve the communications needs of organisations that provide relief to developing communities affected by natural disasters," Codan Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mike Heard, said today.

"We have been recognised as the leading supplier of HF radio products to aid and humanitarian markets for more than 25 years," he said.

"The relief and aid effort currently underway in Haiti is one of the biggest the world has experienced in recent years.

"The country's capital city and its major infrastructure were decimated, with all telephone and other land-based communications completely destroyed.

“In such environments, reliable and effective wireless communications equipment is paramount.

“Along with medical and rescue support, it is one of the most vital requirements of all humanitarian operations.”

Codan’s world-leading equipment delivers fast, simple and reliable voice communications in areas that have no other means of communication, or where telecommunications infrastructure has been destroyed.

Codan has supplied similar communications technology to other international humanitarian relief operations including the Asian tsunami and Darfur.

About Codan

Codan Limited designs, manufactures and markets a diversified range of high value added electronics products for global government, business, aid and humanitarian, and sophisticated markets.

Founded in 1959, the Company has grown to become an international leader in its market niches.

Codan’s core products are high frequency (HF) radio, satellite radio subsystems, and metal detectors. All its products have an exceptional reputation for performance, quality and reliability.

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