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## Aquabotix Joins Consortium Supporting the U.S. Navy

- Aquabotix to support development and maturation of Science and Technology capabilities in support of United States Navy's Forward Deployed Energy and Communications Outpost ("FDECO")
- Aquabotix becomes a member of the Innovative Undersea Prototype Development Consortium supporting FDECO

**UUV Aquabotix Ltd (ASX:UUV)** ("Aquabotix"), an underwater robotics company with operations in Australia and the U.S., today announces its agreement to support the United States Navy's Forward Deployed Energy and Communications Outpost ("FDECO") program as a member of the Innovative Undersea Prototype Development Consortium ("iUPDC" or "Consortium").

Historically, unmanned underwater vehicle use has been challenged by limitations in endurance and difficulties in transferring data. FDECO's publicly-stated mission is to seek to prototype a forward deployed, open, scalable and coordinated undersea energy replenishment, data management, and communications infrastructure for undersea vehicles and sensors.

This Consortium brings together the defence industry to conduct prototype technology research in support of FDECO's goals. Aquabotix was accepted as a member of this Consortium as it has demonstrated a clear ability to make a meaningful technical contribution in this field.

Whitney Million, Aquabotix's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We continue to execute on our strategy of leaning on our strengths in the defence industry and of close engagement with governmental customers, particularly the United States Navy. As a member of iUPDC, Aquabotix will be afforded opportunities to bid on research and development and prototype maturation projects. Aquabotix is grateful to the Consortium for the confidence that this invitation shows in Aquabotix's abilities. Participation in this Consortium provides a means for Aquabotix to continue cultivating close-working, cooperative relationships with other defence companies and the United States Navy. We look forward to making a meaningful difference through our contribution."

## **Further Information**

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## About UUV Aquabotix Limited

Based in Sydney, Australia and Fall River, Massachusetts, USA, Aquabotix is an established underwater robotics company which manufactures and sells commercial and industrial-grade underwater drones for commercial, high-end consumer and military applications. It is also the first company globally that is offering commercially-available swarming underwater drones. Please visit <u>www.aquabotix.com</u>

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