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### AIDN National announces new board

AIDN National is pleased to announce the appointment of its inaugural Board of Directors who were elected by the AIDN State and Territory Chapters at its AGM in Launceston on Friday 23 November 2018.

The appointment of five Directors onto the AIDN National Board follows a range of reforms to the AIDN National structure announced in August 2018. The Board of Directors will have the specific focus of guiding AIDN National in representing the interests of AIDN Chapters and their members, to ensure high levels of engagement and connection between Industry and Defence, Government, and collaborative partners in Australia and overseas.

AIDN is pleased to announce that its inaugural Directors are: Mr Angus Hutchinson, CEO of Thomas Global Systems; Ms Julie Savage, owner of Cognesis Contractors; Mr Bradley Skelton, Managing Director of Depth Industries; Ms Kerry Smith, CEO of AIDN-NT; and Mr Lester Sutton, General Manager of Jenkins Engineering Defence Systems.

“The rigorous nomination process drew a range of high quality applicants from all over Australia, and we are pleased to be able to appoint a strong group of talented and committed defence and industry professionals to the AIDN Board,” commented Carl Quarterman, AIDN spokesperson.

Mr Quarterman added that “in the near future, the Directors will be appointing two Independent Advisors to add specific skill sets and perspectives to the AIDN Board with the purpose of meeting the ongoing needs of Australian Industry and ensuring AIDN remains best placed to represent those interests.”

The first Board of Directors meeting will occur on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, aligning with both the ADM Congress and AIDN National Gala Dinner in Canberra on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

AIDN National, as one of the peak national industry bodies representing and assisting SMEs operating in the Australian Defence and Security markets, has an exciting future, one that we want you to be a part of. Stay tuned!

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