

ASX Announcement

Delta Drone Secures Internationally Recognised BARS Aviation Safety Verification in Australia and South Africa

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delta Drone International (via its local subsidiaries) has secured the **Basic Aviation Risk** Standard (BARS) registration in its operations in Australia and South Africa
- BARS registration is increasingly recognised by large mining and oil & gas operators, and other member organisations who utilise airspace as part of their operations; increasingly a prerequisite registration required by operators of their service providers, particularly tier-1 and tier-2 operators
- BARS is a highly industry recognised demonstration and commitment to safety in the aviation world and was recently extended to cover unmanned aviation in addition to pre-existing manned aviation

2 June 2023, Delta Drone International Limited (ASX: DLT) a Global drones-as-a-service provider, is pleased to announce it has secured the BARS Registration, in its Rocketmine Australia and Rocketmine South Africa operations.

Basic Aviation Risk Standard (BARS) is an internationally recognised safety audit program run by the Flight Safety Foundation. It covers all flight and operational aspects of an aviation company – including flight operations, maintenance handling, personnel, aircraft and quality and safety systems. DLT has received the 'green' status for the 'Comprehensive' registration stream, and includes Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone data capture activities for the Company.

DLT's BARS registration is the culmination of the design and implementation of recognised preocedures, processes and controls in aviation within the Company. The Registration was awarded following an audit process (ISO9001 certified).

The BAR Standard is increasingly being adopted, and is a prerequisite verification, required by large mining and oil & gas operators of their service providers, particularly by tier-1 and tier-2 operators. BARS was recently extended to cover unmanned aviation (known as Remotely Piloted Aircraft System or RPAS) in addition to pre-existing manned aviation.

DLT CEO Christopher Clark said: "We are now hitting the peak of our offering. Our safety management systems, which have been developed and matured over a decade, have now been tested against one of the highest aviation standards in the world. This registration is highly regarded when bidding for new contracts as well when renewing existing customer contracts.

This achievement is more than just a certificate, it is a validation of Rocketmine's highly developed and effective safety culture. With drones becoming increasingly prominent in the skies, it is imperative that operators do everything in their power to minimise risk."

About BARS

An International Aviation Safety Program which utilizes Basic Aviation Risk Standards (BAR Standards) to review aircraft operators supporting companies in the resource sector, humanitarian, government and insurance organizations, in their risk oversight of contracted aviation activities.

Many organisations rely on the use of aviation to support their activities including the movement of company personnel. The aircraft operators used for these services range from those that provide dedicated contract support, occasional charter or regular passenger transport services. The aircraft used for these services range from small single-engine helicopters to transport category jet aircraft.

The BAR Standard was developed to meet an identified need to establish a common global aviation safety assessment and audit protocol.

The BARS Program now offers two auditing streams – **Core Registration** and **Comprehensive Registration**. The Comprehensive Registration stream provides a higher level of recognition to aircraft operators selecting this auditing stream.

The BARS Program is a ISO9001:2015 certified quality management system. This recognizes the Program with an international standard of excellence.

History: In the past, resource companies each had their own aviation safety standard and would engage aviation service providers to transport staff to work sites at their own expense. There was no single industry aviation standard to manage their aviation risk. The variety of standards meant that aircraft operators underwent multiple annual audits creating unnecessary burden. There was no formal process by which safety audit results, accident data or safety findings could be shared between the companies or across the resource industry. In 2010, resource industry giants BHP and Rio Tinto came together and approached the Flight Safety Foundation (FSFL) as an independent, impartial not-for profit organization to collaborate in establishing a global aviation safety assessment and audit protocol (The BAR Standard).

This announcement has been approved for release by Chris Clark. Executive Chairman and CEO of Delta Drone International Limited.

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About Delta Drone International <u>www.dlti.com.au</u>

Delta Drone International is a ASX listed (ASX: DLT) multi-national drone-based data service and technology solutions provider for the mining, agricultural and engineering industries.

Services are aerial surveying and mapping, security and surveillance, and blast monitoring and fragment analysis through a fully-outsourced service with AI and fast data turnaround that allows enterprise customers to focus on operations on the ground while Delta Drone International takes care of everything in the air.

Revenues are generated through multi-year recurring revenue contracts and short projects which also have the potential to be recurring. Key customer contracts include with tier 1 and tier 2 miners, South32, Newmont Mining, Red 5 and Seriti Coal.

DLT's operations are focused on Australia and Africa with regional offices in Perth, Johannesburg & Accra.

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