



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Foundations laid for acceleration of growth into the Space Sector

True to its focus on remote operations, a virtual signing ceremony held across seven geographic locations, the AROSE Founding Partners formally established the AROSE Consortium.

Accession Agreement documents signed in real-time online, formalised the corporate and legal framework to govern the AROSE Consortium, including the procedures for accession of new members and principles for projects to position Australian firms to be the leading global providers of on and off Earth remote operations.

AROSE Chair, Russ Potapinski, recognised the industry, academia and government partners – the State Government of Western Australia, energy industry leader; Woodside, engineering and management service provider; Nova Systems, global geo-intelligence and asset integrity company; Fugro, and leading Western Australian universities; Curtin University and the University of Western Australia.

“It has certainly been a great deal of effort to get to this point and we would definitely not be here without the support of these organisations and the Western Australian State Government,” Mr Potapinski said.

The Consortium brings together Australia’s leading technical, commercial and scientific capability in remote operations to improve the safety and productivity of sectors core to the Australian economy and service international space missions.

Operating as an independent not-for-profit, public entity limited by guarantee, AROSE is poised to facilitate collaborative ventures that can rapidly deliver value to domestic and international communities.

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“The legal and governance structure we have designed through broad stakeholder engagement guided by specific subject matter expertise will enable AROSE activities to move forward and fast, on a solid foundation” said Pamela Melroy, former NASA Astronaut and Director of AROSE Ltd.

In launching AROSE earlier this year as a Founding Partner, Minister for Innovation, ICT and Science, the Hon Dave Kelly MLA said “What AROSE will do, is take the world-class technology already utilised in Western Australia and adapt it for remote operations on the Moon, Mars and beyond.”

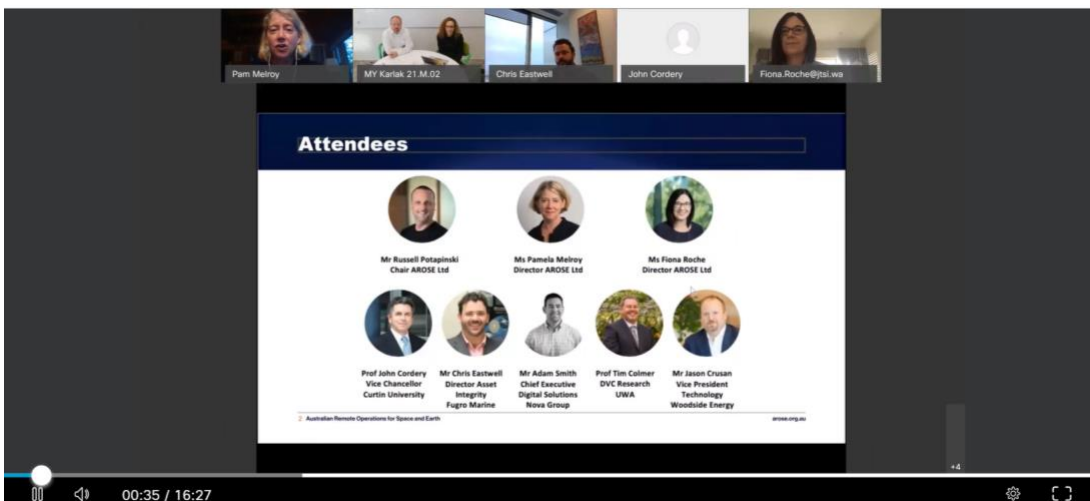
Director of Asset Integrity Fugro Marine, Chris Eastwell, captured the spirit of the cooperation, “We are so excited about what we can contribute. For our communities, for our kids. It’s wonderful and we are in this, boots and all,” Mr Eastwell said.

With the AROSE Board of Directors appointed last month, and multi-party projects already underway, the Consortium welcomes applications from new members with capabilities to contribute to advancing Australia’s unique strengths in remote asset management and growth into the Space sector.

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Attendees dialling in from across Australia and United States, representing Foundation Partners in the virtual signing ceremony to establish AROSE legal and governance framework, Wednesday 19 August 2020.



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