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## **Civmec Launches New Division To Target Defence Sector; Eyes Multi-billion-dollar Submarine Construction Project**

- **Former senior naval officer appointed to lead new division**
- **Defence unit targets Australia's new submarines**

**AUSTRALIA / SINGAPORE 25 September 2015** – Engineering and construction services company **Civmec Limited** (“**Civmec**” or the “**Group**”) announced today its foray into the defence sector with the launch of a new division, which has set its sights on building Australia's new submarines.

Civmec has appointed a former Royal Australian Navy Commodore, Mr. Mike Deeks CSC, as General Manager – Defence, to head the unit.

SGX-listed Civmec plans to leverage its expertise as a specialist fabricator, constructor and project manager in the resources and infrastructure sectors to establish a strong presence in the defence industry.

The first major opportunity Civmec has identified is the potential to work with the lead contractor appointed to design and build Australia's future submarine, a multi-billion dollar project.

“Our experience means we certainly have the capability to be their in-country builder,” said Civmec Executive Chairman, Mr. James Fitzgerald.

“This is a massive opportunity, not just for Civmec but for Western Australia. It has the potential to create up to 1,000 jobs and bring a major new industry to our State,” he added.

Civmec owns and operates a large fabrication facility at Henderson, south of Perth. It will have a dedicated facility for building submarines as it intends to construct five new workshop halls as well as office space on a vacant site adjacent to its existing facilities.

Located within the Australian Marine Complex, Civmec's heavy engineering facility has unimpeded access to the adjacent deep-port facilities, including heavy-lift transport systems and a 100m x 44m floating dock with a lifting and transfer capacity of 4,600t.



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A large and diverse range of supporting industries is also located nearby. Fleet Base West – the home of Australia’s submarine force and half of the Australian frigate fleet – is at Garden Island, just 10km across the water from our Henderson facilities.

“This makes it the ideal site for the construction and maintenance of the future submarines,” Mr. Deeks said.

Civmec is well placed to take on the submarine project given its strengths, which include:

- A history of successfully fabricating complex structures and piping systems in carbon steel and exotic metals, including subsea structures for the oil & gas industry;
- Project management skills to deliver complex tasks on time and on budget, while meeting unique and challenging client requirements;
- Accreditation to Australian and internationally-recognised standards for quality, occupational health and safety and environmental management; and
- Experience in delivering sensitive projects where protection of clients’ intellectual property is a primary consideration.

Civmec regards the submarine project as one of a number of significant opportunities in the defence sector. Other potential projects include maintenance and in-service support of Australian frigates, building of future ships, and defence infrastructure construction.

Mr. Fitzgerald said, “The Defence sector which will operate alongside our existing long established business, has the potential to provide an important additional revenue stream for Civmec and given the opportunity and experience gained over our recent subsea projects, we will continue to focus heavily in this area.”

“This move to bring Civmec’s internationally competitive fabrication and project management expertise honed in the resources sector into naval shipbuilding is in line with the Western Australian Government’s position on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.”

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**Profile of Mike Deeks, General Manager – Defence**

Mike Deeks CSC is a highly experienced executive and non-executive director across a number of industry sectors including Government enterprises, private industry, maritime, training and education, not-for-profit organisations and Defence. He was an Officer with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) for 32 years until his retirement from the RAN in 2005. Holding the rank of Commodore at the time of his retirement, Mr. Deeks was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross (2005) for leadership of the Australian Submarine Force. In addition to his General Manager role at Civmec, Mr. Deeks is a Non-Executive Director of the Pilbara Ports Authority, the Deputy Chair of the Challenger Institute of Technology and former President and current member of the Executive Committee of the Submarine Institute of Australia.

**About Civmec Limited**

Civmec is an integrated, multi-disciplinary construction and engineering services provider to the resource, oil and gas, mining and infrastructure sectors. Its headquarters are based in Henderson, Western Australia with regional offices in Broome (Western Australia), Darwin (Northern Territory, Australia), Sydney (New South Wales) and a presence in Singapore. Its core capabilities are fabrication, modularisation, precast concrete, site civil works, industrial insulation, structural mechanical piping (SMP), offshore logistics, refractory and maintenance services.

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