

## D13 Wins Cash Prize in Final Round of ThunderDrone II

**PERTH, WA and COLUMBIA, MD USA** – DEPARTMENT 13 INTERNATIONAL LTD (ASX: D13) (“Department 13”, “D13” or “the Company”) a cutting edge developer of counter drone technology, is pleased to announce it has been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in ThunderDrone RPE III, from a field of 450 other competing technologies and vendors.

### Key Highlights:

- **D13 was shortlisted from 450 C-UAS submissions assessed**
- **MESMER™ was 1 of 5 finalists remaining in the competition**
- **Phase 3 saw D13 demonstrate MESMER™’s capabilities in front of key Government and military customers**
- **D13 is the only prizewinner to compete on a standalone basis and the only technology using protocol manipulation**

The ThunderDrone trials were initiated by SOFWERX upon request of the US Special Operations Command and Strategic Capabilities Office to assess the Unmanned Aerial Systems industry and leading technologies within this field.

Phase 3 held at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June saw MESMER™ compete against 4 other counter-UAS technologies, that had been shortlisted from over 450 submissions. The two technologies that placed ahead of MESMER™ were solutions consisting of multiple technologies from multiple companies, working cooperatively. D13 competed on a standalone basis and was the only technology utilizing protocol manipulation (non-jamming) to actively mitigate drones.

A cash prize of US\$100,000 was awarded to D13 but more importantly delivered a further opportunity to demonstrate MESMER™’s capabilities to an array of potential customers.

Several potential MESMER™ customers from both public and private institutions attended the demonstrations and the D13 team experienced overwhelming positive feedback. D13’s performance in ThunderDrone II competition is evidence of MESMER™’s superior capabilities in Drone identification and mitigation by using protocol manipulation.

Department 13 CEO, Jonathan Hunter, commented: *“We are very proud of the result achieved at ThunderDrone II, being the only prizewinner to compete on a standalone basis and importantly the only participant to utilize protocol manipulation technology. Demonstrations such as ThunderDrone II represent the key method of accessing US Government networks and opportunities. D13 believes MESMER™ generated significant interest from these individuals throughout each phase of ThunderDrone II.”*

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**About Department 13**

Based in Maryland, Department 13 (D13) was founded in 2010 by a team of former military operators, scientists and engineers who apply proprietary innovative advanced technology to emerging requirements. D13 is developing cutting-edge software and communication systems that have the potential to transform the networking and communication fields as well as current applications in drone defense, mobile phone IT security and secure enhanced Android phone systems. D13 is engaged with multiple counter UAS projects to provide strategic solutions for civil, military and commercial security requirements. D13 has 45 patents issued and 37 patents pending in the development of wireless protocol manipulation and communication networking software with applications in drone defense, local area and wide area cellular communications and networking, enhanced data bandwidth for all digital communications, cyber security for mobile devices and sophisticated RF technology applications (radiometrics). For more information about D13, please visit [www.department13.com](http://www.department13.com) or follow us on Twitter (@D13ASX), LinkedIn and YouTube.

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