

## SCA MEDIA STATEMENT

### Space Centre Australia Appoints Group Non-Executive Chairman Hon. Scott Morrison 30<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Australia.

Space Centre Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of former Australian Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison as non-executive Chair of the SCA Global group.

As Australia's 30th Prime Minister, Mr. Morrison was a passionate champion of the Australian Space sector, establishing the Australia Space Agency and promoting development of the sector across multiple policy fronts including Defence and security through AUKUS, R&D collaboration with our university sector, industry development programs and establishing closer links with international space partners through the QUAD as well as direct bilateral engagement including NASA's moon to mars mission and Artemis program.

Mr. Morrison took up the appointment on September 1 this year and joins SCA at a critical stage in their global development. In addition to establishing horizontal launch operations in Virginia, USA and Cornwall, UK, SCA is also developing Australia's first permanent space-port at Cape York, providing geographically unrivalled access to eastern equatorial vertical launch operations, and the only space-port in Australia to provide the full spectrum of orbit requirements from LEO to deep space.

Mr. Morrison will join SCA CEO James Palmer in Milan and Munich this week to establish the SCA-initiated international Space-Port MOU as well as completing major commercial agreements with key space sector partners, Hensoldt and H-Star Space Transportation.

German company Hensoldt will deliver SCA's radar surveillance technology and infrastructure in Cape York, while service contracts with US company H-Star will see H-Star's large-scale launch missions operating out of SCA's facilities at Cape York and Virginia and SCA playing an important role in propelling the [KR1] Artemis program.

Mr. Morrison stated *"I'm thrilled to be taking on this new role with the team at SCA as they implement their plans to become not just the premier permanent spaceport with the most comprehensive launch service offering in Australia, but a leading player in the space launch sector globally.*

*James Palmer and the team at SCA have already garnered the respect of space sector leaders such as NASA and are building the commercial and international partnerships needed to realise their comprehensive, long term and detailed plans. I believe SCA will present a unique offering to global investors, providing both exposure to the fast growing global space sector, while providing the stability and durability associated with a traditional infrastructure investment.*

*As Prime Minister I was passionate about the Australian space sector's potential, from a commercial, scientific and strategic perspective, especially when it comes to security and Defence. Our AUKUS, Quad and bilateral partnerships are all ideal vehicles to enable Australia to achieve this potential. I am excited to be able to follow through on these initiatives in this new role in the private space industry with SCA.*

James Palmer stated *“It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Hon Scott Morrison as the Chairman of Space Centre Australia. His vast experience in international governance, diplomacy, and leadership uniquely positions him to guide our organization as we continue our mission to develop a world-class spaceport facility. Scott’s deep understanding of both Australia’s strategic position in the global space industry and the importance of fostering strong international partnerships will be instrumental as we advance our ambitious plans to support the future of space exploration and industry. Mr. Morrison has demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout his career, both on the global stage and within Australia, and we are confident that his insight and expertise will help propel Space Centre Australia to the forefront of the aerospace sector. Together, we are committed to creating a sustainable, innovative, and secure future for space operations, ensuring Australia plays a pivotal role in shaping the next frontier.”*



*Hon. Scott Morrison and Mr. James Palmer*

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