

QUICKSTEP GROUP GROWS SOVEREIGN AIRCRAFT MRO CAPABILITY AT MELBOURNE AIRPORT

Thursday 11 July 2024 (ASX:QHL) Quickstep Group is pleased to announce a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to build sovereign aircraft Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) capability. Over the past two years, our dedicated team has been hard at work developing state-of-the-art facilities at Melbourne Airport. We are proud to take delivery of an increasing number of military components in support of Royal Australian Air Force and Royal Australian Navy aircraft.



l-r Nick Fourie – GM Quickstep Services, Mark Burgess – MD & CEO Quickstep Group, Deanne Barnett - Director of Programs Northrop Grumman Australia, George Pesce –Logistics Services Manager Northrop Grumman Australia

We were delighted to host Deanne Barnett recently as she inspected work undertaken by Quickstep on major components for the RAAF KC-30 aircraft. Deanne is the Director of Programs for Northrop Grumman Australia, and her team is responsible for supporting a number of RAAF aircraft, including the KC-30 (a derivative of the Airbus A330 passenger aircraft) which is used in refuelling, cargo and VIP transport roles

"The establishment of this sovereign capability is vital, it means that components can now be repaired locally in a timely manner, avoiding long international freight delays and potential scrapping of items", said Deanne Barnett, Director of Programs for Northrop Grumman Australia.

Barnett added that "As Northrop Grumman's relationship with Quickstep progresses, the breadth and depth of component repair and overhaul capability for the aircraft fleets we support in Australia will be expanded, further strengthening the domestic Aerospace Defence Industry."



Northrop Grumman are Quickstep's largest customer across the group, and we have a strong trading relationship that has grown into a genuine partnership over more than a decade on the F-35 production program. It is especially pleasing to see this expand into component repair in support of Australia's Defence Force.

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This announcement was approved for release by Mark Burgess (Managing Director) of Quickstep.

ABOUT QUICKSTEP HOLDINGS

Quickstep Holdings Limited (ASX: QHL) is the largest independent aerospace composite business in Australia, with facilities in Sydney, Geelong, Melbourne and Dallas. The group employs more than 220 people across Australia and internationally. More information about Quickstep is available at quickstep.com.au

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