

Department 13 Expands Global Reach Appoints Phoenix Group as Latin America Distributor

Highlights:

- D13 Continues International Market Expansion for End User Support of Mesmer Counter UAV Technology
- Mesmer to Secure Critical Trade Lanes from Transnational Criminal Organizations.
- Integrated Solution (detect, identify and Mitigate) Provides Flexibility to Address a Variety of Threat Scenarios

Columbia, Maryland USA: Department 13, INC. (D13) (ASX:D13) Department 13 is pleased to announce that it has appointed Phoenix Group as its Latin American Distributor for Mesmer - its flagship Counter UAV technology to advance opportunities within these important global trade corridors.

"We are excited about the opportunity to advance new technology that address the very nature of asymmetric threat mitigation. In our work ensuring ship and seaport security, as well of numerous supply chains in Latin America, we operate on the front lines of the flow of international commerce. The use of drones by transnational criminal organizations and other hostile entities is well documented. Possible utilization of drones, as a conveyance or surveillance platform, by these criminal or hostile groups to target ships, cargoes, or seaports, pose a very real threat to legitimate commerce and the many billions of dollars in assets of the transportation sector. We view Mesmer as the only solution that can detect, identify and mitigate hostile drone threats and enhance the security of legitimate maritime commerce," said Michael McNicholas, Managing Director of Phoenix Group.

Jonathan Hunter, CEO of Department 13 said that "the Latin American market is a natural landing point for Mesmer. Not only are the threats in these markets vast the ability for threat actors to disrupt global trade through drones is daunting. Phoenix Group is a global authority in port security and risk management and is a welcomed addition to Department 13's growing list of mission focused partners."

Department 13's flagship product **MESMER** provides a complete C-UAS solution that includes integrated detection, alerting and mitigation capability for perimeter security and force protection. Department 13 is engaged with multiple projects to provide strategic solutions for civil, military and commercial security requirements. Department 13 is competing in the MITRE CUAS Challenge at Marine Corps Base Quantico in August and Blackdart the DoD's premier Counter UAS Test Range at Eglin AFB, Florida this September.

The Phoenix Group is a security company that provides world class security to today's transportation companies. This includes the prevention of piracy, stowaways, terrorism, narcotics smuggling, and other unique services.

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ABOUT Department 13 International Ltd

D13 was founded in Virginia 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 has 11 patents and 14 patent applications 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;
- Sophisticated applications in the RF environment (Radiometrics).

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