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## Capricorn Space Announces Contract to Purchase Initial S/X-Band Antennas for Australian Ground Network - West

With the civil works underway at the first Australian Ground Network site near Geraldton in Western Australia (AGN-W), Capricorn Space CEO Mark Thompson has announced that CGC Technology has been contracted to supply and install the first antenna systems on site.

Mark said, *"I am pleased to announce that we have recently signed a contract with CGC Technology of Basingstoke, UK to supply and install two 5 metre S/X-Band antenna systems at our AGN-W site. This contract award followed an extensive industry wide engagement and formal tender process during the second half of 2018 and this contract award is in line with our program timeline of offering commercial services by mid-2019".*

"The antennas to be supplied are the CGC Model T350SX and provide outstanding performance at a cost effective price point."

CGC Technology CEO, Dr Mark Gardner added. *"We are excited to be working with Capricorn Space on this project, a first for CGC in Australia using our highly effective X/Y antennas. Capricorn Space are a really dynamic and forward looking company offering an innovative and cost effective ground station network approach, we wish them every success."*

With implementation planning and execution now well advanced, Capricorn Space is poised to offer targeted ground segment service plans to satellite Operators who require southern hemisphere coverage. The initial development of the AGN-W site allows for six antenna systems with the first two being owned and operated by Capricorn Space to provide on-demand access to multiple customers.

Mark Thompson added: *"The remaining antenna pads are available for third party hosting and we are in discussion with a number of Operators to take advantage of the strategic location our site offers. Our ability to resolve the regulatory, power and communications challenges to establish this site has attracted significant interest from the global satellite industry. We have the ability to expand further on this site as demand dictates and are now forward planning for our second AGN site in eastern Australia (AGN-E), to follow before end 2019."*

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Impression of Initial Development at AGN-W by Capricorn Space

### **About Capricorn Space**

Capricorn Space was formed with the vision of increasing the value of satellite data within the Digital World. Getting data to the right people as quickly as possible maximises its value and helps organisations – commercial and government – to achieve their core objectives.

*Put simply: It's all about the data!*

We also wanted to tap into the great optimism and opportunity that exists within the Australian space industry following the announcement of the establishment of an Australian Space Agency and to leverage off the skillset and entrepreneurship that exists Down Under.

One observation was that relatively few commercial ground stations exist in Australia and indeed the southern hemisphere. When combined with Australia's expansive geography it became apparent that a network of ground stations across the country would greatly enhance the ability to service the LEO and MEO markets.

Capricorn Space has established an experienced team of management, technical, regulatory and business development professionals who have collectively accumulated well over 100 years of space industry experience.

### **About CGC Technology**

CGC Technology is based in Basingstoke in the United Kingdom and specialises in precision tracking antenna solutions and complete Ground Stations for Remote Sensing, Communications, and TT&C.



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