

## ASX Announcement

# Aurora Labs Advances ADF Contract to Manufacture

### Highlights:

- **\$450,000 Phase 2 Defence contract awarded to Aurora Labs for prototype manufacture and testing of next-generation high-thrust, fuel-efficient propulsion system**
- **Builds upon successful completion of Phase 1 design and engineering program**
- **The novel high-efficiency propulsion system to complement A3D's existing 200N and 400N class micro gas turbines**
- **Engagement underway with Australian and international UAS platform developers to support integration and evaluation**

Aurora Labs Limited (“A3D” or “the Company”) (ASX: A3D) is pleased to announce it has been awarded Phase 2 of its development contract with the Australian Department of Defence (ADF), valued at \$450,000, for the prototype manufacture and testing of a new generation, high-thrust and fuel-efficient novel propulsion system.

This award builds directly on the successful completion of Phase 1 detailed design and engineering where Aurora has leveraged its proprietary metal 3D printing technology to create a system specifically designed for excellent fuel efficiency, high speed and varied mission profiles.

The commencement of Phase 2 moves the project to furthering its prototype manufacture with engineering and printing of critical components already underway. Bench testing will begin in the first half of 2026.

Rebekah Letheby, Chief Executive Officer of A3D said: “Securing Phase 2 funding and progressing into prototype manufacture represents a pivotal achievement for Aurora Labs. This milestone validates the strength of our propulsion engineering capability and confirms our role as a sovereign leader in small engine propulsion for Defence. We are now in an excellent position to deliver an advanced prototype capable of going onto commercial production which will advance developing partnerships with UAS platform developers both domestically and internationally.”



*Prototype Engine Running in Aurora Labs Test Cell*

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The program extends A3D's propulsion portfolio, positioning the new system alongside its existing 200N and 400N class micro gas turbines. This places Aurora Labs in a unique sovereign position to design, prototype, and manufacture high-integrity propulsion systems for the rapidly expanding unmanned aerial systems (UAS) markets.

In parallel, discussions with UAS developers are underway to support the test program with aerial platforms, logistical resources, and access to test ranges.

Under its agreement with the ADF, A3D will grant the Commonwealth a license to use the prototype propulsion system for evaluation on its platforms, while retaining global commercialisation rights. This ensures A3D can capture downstream opportunities in both domestic and export markets.

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Approved for release by the Company's Board of Directors.

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## ABOUT AURORA LABS

Aurora Labs Limited ("the Company"), an industrial technology and innovation company that specialises provision of 3D metal printed parts for Defence, Oil and Gas and Resources applications, the development of 3D metal printers, powders, and associated intellectual property. The Company is developing advanced propulsions systems for Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for the Defence sector.

Aurora Labs is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: A3D)

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These events are, as at the date of this announcement, expected to take place, but there cannot be any guarantee that such events will occur as anticipated or at all given that many of the events are outside Aurora's control.

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