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**WHITEHAWK OPENS FIRST AUSTRALIAN OFFICE  
TO GROW BUSINESS IN THE APEC REGION  
AND  
SIGNS MOU WITH NOVERA TO ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURE**

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**Highlights**

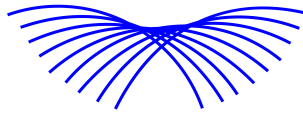
- **Novera to jointly fast-track the development and commercialise with WhiteHawk a cybersecurity risk assessment and governance platform tailored for the Australian market.**
- **WhiteHawk is establishing a dedicated APEC sales and delivery office based out of Perth – commencing November 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **This will allow continuous collaboration with Novera, DoxAI, ECCOI and engagement with and servicing of a breadth of APEC Region Clients.**
- **WhiteHawk brings proven Cyber Risk Assessment automation expertise.**
- **Novera has local Australian market knowledge, advanced digital risk management, data governance, and compliance consulting practices.**
- **Together, the joint offering addresses the intersection of cyber risk, data protection, and AI governance.**

**Perth, WA and Alexandria, VA - WhiteHawk Limited (ASX:WHK) (“WhiteHawk” or “the Company”)**, is the first global online AI based cyber security exchange enabling all businesses and organizations to take smart action to prevent cybercrime, fraud and disruption and mitigate the impacts continuously - with automated and scalable Cyber Risk Assessments, SaaS, and Platform as a Service (“PaaS”) product lines that are tailored for clients of all sizes.

**The Novera collaboration combines WhiteHawk’s proprietary Cyber Risk Assessment and Management Platform with Novera’s deep expertise in corporate governance, compliance, and regulatory frameworks within Australia.** Together, the parties will deliver a platform that empowers organisations to assess, monitor and improve their cybersecurity posture while ensuring compliance with Australia’s governance and data protection requirements.

As artificial intelligence (“AI”) becomes embedded in every layer of enterprise and government operations, cybersecurity for AI environments, data governance and data sovereignty have become critical national and corporate priorities. This initiative directly addresses those needs by integrating secure AI risk management, transparent data handling, and regulatory alignment into one cohesive framework.

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Novera's APEC market knowledge — spanning digital risk management, data governance and compliance to standards such as the Australian Privacy Principles and APRA CPS 234 — provides WhiteHawk with a unique advantage to align its U.S. originated cyber technologies with Australian legal, ethical and regulatory expectations. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), WhiteHawk and Novera will:

- **Co-develop** an integrated cybersecurity and governance platform optimised for Australian organisations and government agencies;
- **Launch** a joint offering addressing the intersection of cyber risk, data protection, and AI governance; and
- **Establish a Joint Venture (“JV”)** to further develop, commercialise and manage the intellectual property (“IP”) created under the collaboration.

Following the Australian launch, the parties will evaluate opportunities to localise the platform for other jurisdictions, supporting sovereign AI and data governance initiatives globally.

### Joint Venture

WhiteHawk and Novera have agreed to establish a **Joint Venture entity** that will:

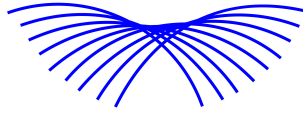
- Manage ongoing IP development and licensing;
- Commercialise the developed technology; and
- Operate under a shared governance and ownership model proportionate to each party's contribution.

The MOU is **binding** for confidentiality and intellectual property provisions and whilst preliminary ground work has commenced, there are no **financial obligations** on either party until the definitive JV Agreement is finalized.

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Tony Vizza, Managing Partner of Novera commented, *“AI and cybersecurity are now inseparable. As organisations accelerate AI adoption, the need for secure, compliant, and transparent data frameworks and governance has never been greater and will continue to evolve. This partnership unites Novera's knowledge of Australian governance and regulatory environments with WhiteHawk's advanced cyber risk technologies to create a foundation for trusted AI and data sovereignty.”*

Giuseppe Porcelli, Executive Director and Head of Strategy at WHK commented, *“Since May 2025, we have been aligning WhiteHawk's capabilities with Novera's next-generation governance and regulatory expertise while establishing our full-time APEC presence in Australia. Cybersecurity for AI environments now demands a new level of governance, accountability and strategic regional execution. Partnering with Novera*



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*allows us to embed Australian regulatory expectations directly into an integrated platform that unifies cyber risk, AI governance and data sovereignty. Together, we are building a solution tailored for Australia, deployable across the APEC region and scalable globally — setting a new standard for how cybersecurity, AI ethics and sovereign data frameworks work together to protect organisations and nations.”*

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**About WhiteHawk**

Launched with financing in 2018, WhiteHawk developed the first cloud, AI/ML based cyber risk monitoring, prioritization and mitigation online cyber security exchange, democratizing access for all companies and organizations to address their Digital Age Risks and those of their suppliers/vendors, continuously and cost-effectively. WhiteHawk's 100% automated product lines include one-time or annual subscriptions for a Cyber Risk Program (one Enterprise), or Cyber Risk Radar (portfolio of Organizations or Suppliers) and virtual Cyber Consults tailored to Client Needs. Via the WHK online cyber security exchange, the Company also continuously vets and offers a breadth of next generation cyber risk and security solutions, enabling all businesses and organizations to take smart action against cybercrime, fraud, and disruption, for themselves, their clients and across their supply chains, on an ongoing basis with demonstrated time and cost savings. For more information, visit [www.whitehawk.com](http://www.whitehawk.com).

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