



## **OVERVIEW: Team SABRE armed to equip the future Australian soldier for Land 125**

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Safran, Nova Systems Australia & New Zealand and BAE Systems Australia have teamed to create Team SABRE<sup>1</sup> in response to the Commonwealth's Land 125 Phase 4 Integrated Soldier System (ISS) project bid.

Safran's global experience in complex Soldier modernisation projects, Nova Systems' deep sovereign expertise in ADF capability acquisition and realisation, and BAE Systems Australia's expertise in robotic and autonomous platforms ensure a trusted and experienced partner.

Team SABRE have collaborated to deliver an optimal sovereign ISS solution, which will benefit from global lessons learned and Australian industry involvement, ensuring the current and future needs of the soldier are at the centre of the Australian Army's modernisation program.

"Safran has decades of experience in delivering Soldier Modernisation projects of similar complexity around the world, including the French Army's FELIN and CENTURION programs," Alexis de Pelleport, Safran Pacific Chief Executive Officer, said.

"The SABRE solution will provide the Australian dismounted soldier with a capability and decision-making edge over any adversary, now and into the future."

Team SABRE's response to L125-4 aims to enhance the ability to respond with new technology to rapidly changing threat environments, while reducing the burden placed on modern soldiers.

"There is no off-the-shelf or turn-key solution to this challenging and complex project," Steve Robinson, Nova Systems Chief Executive, said.

"Nova Systems brings our considerable experience and know-how in delivering Complex Land Programs in Defence, and our credentials as a 100% Australian owned and operated company to the team.

"Importantly, the sovereign capabilities Nova Systems is growing through Team SABRE will remain in country and will support future ADF capability realisation across all domains."

BAE Systems Australia has been at the cutting edge of autonomy for more than 35 years.

"We specialise in the design, development and delivery of autonomous solutions across the air, land and sea domains," Brad Yelland, BAE Systems Australia Chief Technology Officer, said.

"As the land autonomy lead for the TAS-DCRC and in partnership with Australian Army on the M113 OCCV program, our skilled engineers and specialists will deliver next-generation sovereign autonomy technology to Team SABRE.

"Our diverse range of autonomous technologies also include highly advanced navigation, mapping, vision and safety systems."

As well as the combined expertise of Safran, Nova Systems and BAE Systems, Team SABRE will offer ICN opportunities and collaborate with Australian SMEs, industry, research organisations, Diggerworks and others.

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<sup>1</sup> Soldier Augmentations and Battlefield Robotic Enablers



## Meet the Team

With decades of experience in Defence between them, including serving in Army, the team brings a diverse set of skills and knowledge and is passionate about supporting the Australian soldier.

### Alexis de Pelleport – CEO - Safran Electronics & Defense Australasia

Alexis de Pelleport is the Chief Executive Officer at Safran Pacific and has over 15 years' experience in Defence. Alexis is an Australian citizen and is an active participant within his local veteran community. Prior to his career at Safran, he was an officer in the French Air Force as an operational fighter pilot flying MIRAGE 2000-5 from 1998 to 2004. Alexis was also a Military Transport Pilot for Special Operations from 2004 to 2005. After his work in the French Air Force, Alexis was a Field Intelligence Officer for the French Ministry of Defence. Alexis holds a degree in Mathematics & Physics Engineering from Sainte Marie Fenelon and he also holds Master 2 (Honours) in Risk Analysis and Business Intelligence from The University Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée.



### Steven Robinson - Chief Executive - Nova Systems Australia and New Zealand



Steven Robinson was appointed as Chief Executive for Nova Systems Australia and New Zealand in January 2018, following his role as Group Chief of Strategy & Marketing. Steve is responsible for leading and developing the Nova Systems Australia and New Zealand business as a professional solutions provider, enabling technologies to solve the complex challenges that really matter to our clients and industry partners.

As an Australian owned and operated business, Steve and his team are proud to grow sovereign capabilities that deliver tangible outcomes to the most complex of challenges in the Air, Land, Sea, Joint and Space domains, while remaining true to the Group's core values of Trust, Professionalism, Passion and Community. Steve joined the Nova Group in 2009 and has over 25 years' experience within Australian Defence Environment, both as an Engineering Officer in the Australian Army and through multiple leadership roles in the Australian Defence Industry. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering (Aeronautical), a Master's in Business Administration (Technology Management), and is a graduate of the INSEAD Advanced Management Programme in France.

### Brad Yelland - Chief Technology Officer – BAE Systems Australia

As the Chief Technical Officer, Member of the Executive Lead Team and Delegated Company Technical Authority (CTA), Brad Yelland is responsible for all things technical in the BAE Systems Australia and for the operations of the Australian business.

Brad graduated from RMIT with a Degree in Aeronautical Engineering and has now achieved CPEng, Eng Exec and FIEAust status. He has 35 years' experience as an engineer, strategist and manager in the Defence Industry, beginning his career as a member of the original Nulka Design team (known then as HoverRoc ConDev or Winnin) with the Government Aircraft Factories. Then moving to BAE Systems (AWADI) with Project Nulka. Brad has spent 12 years in various roles on Project Nulka, five years as Engineering Manager for Australian element of the original NATO Evolved SeaSparrow





Missile Development Program and developed the Autonomous Systems capability in BAE Systems and established the BAE Systems Australia Integrated Autonomous Systems Business (IAS).

During two secondments to the UK, he held roles including Head of UAV Capability (2001-02), Global Head of Systems Engineering (2013-14) and Global and UK Head of Engineering (2014-15).

#### **Michael Hall – Team SABRE Capture Lead – Safran**



Michael Hall is currently the Head of Sales & Marketing at Safran Electronics & Defense Australasia. Michael joined Safran in 2016 leading the Soldier Systems portfolio prior to taking over as the Head of Sales & Marketing for Australasia in 2019.

Michael has 13 years' experience in the Australian Army, starting out his military career as a Troop leader on the M1A1 Abrams and also deploying to Afghanistan with the Special Operations Task Group. Michael is a graduate of the Royal Military College Duntroon and the Australian Defence Force Academy where he studied South East Asian Politics & Geography.

#### **Albert Trinh – Safran Capture Lead - Safran**

Albert Trinh is currently the Soldier Systems Sales Manager at Safran Electronics & Defense Australasia. Albert is responsible for the sales and management of the Soldier Systems portfolio for Safran in Australasia.

He has over 10 years' experience in the Australian Army. Albert served in the parachute Infantry from 2004-2008 before being selected into the 2nd Commando Regiment where he spent 8 years within the Special Operations Command. Albert has served on several operations including East Timor, Solomon Islands and multiple deployments to Afghanistan; he has also served in Counter-Terrorism operations in Australia. Albert holds a degree in Commerce from Deakin University.



#### **Kyle Stockman – Land and Emergency Services Program Manager – Nova Systems Australia and New Zealand**



With over 12 years' of Defence Industry experience, Nova Systems Land and Emergency Services Program Manager Kyle Stockman has worked alongside Industry Primes and CASG in ensuring Complex LAND Programs are delivered to the warfighter on schedule, within budget and to the highest quality.

Serving in the ADF as an Army Officer, Kyle has relevant experience in supporting the Army domestically on Exercises and on Operations in the Middle East including a deployment to Iraq and various short notice support tasks to Al Minhad Airbase in the United Arab Emirates. Kyle's tertiary education includes a Bachelor of Business from the Australian Defence Force Academy, a Master of Project Management 'with Excellence' (UNSW-Canberra) and is currently undertaking an Executive MBA through QUT due to be completed in November 2022.



### **Mat Jones – Senior Business Development Manager – BAE Systems Australia**

Mat Jones is the Senior Business Development Manager, Future Technologies for BAE Systems Australia. He has been with the company since July 2019 and is currently managing the Business Development effort for BAE System's Future Technology portfolio, which includes autonomous systems and advanced weapon and counter measure technologies.

Mat is a former Army officer who served for 13 years in a variety of operational roles. He deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and was instrumental in the urgent operational acquisition of the ADF's Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) capability. Since transitioning from Defence, Mat has held several senior leadership roles in business and the non-for-profit sector.

Mat is a graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Royal Military College-Duntroon and the Australian Technical Staff Officers Course. He has a First Class Honours degree in Physics and a Masters of Management majoring in Capability Development and Technology. He is a passionate advocate for Defence Force veterans and is the former CEO of Soldier On Australia and current chair of BAE System Australia's Veteran Advisory Committee.

