



SOR's EdgeiQ – First Commercial Pilot Deployment

Strategic Elements Ltd (ASX: SOR) advises that its wholly owned subsidiary, Stealth Technologies Pty Ltd (Stealth), has received a purchase order from a major global gold producer for the pilot deployment of **EdgeiQ**, its **production efficiency-focused technology**, at an operating underground gold mine in Western Australia.

Managing Director, Charles Murphy, said:

“This pilot deployment represents an important step in the commercial evaluation of EdgeiQ in a live underground mining environment. We’ve been deliberate in preparing the technology for this stage, and this deployment allows both parties to assess performance under real operating conditions.”

The purchase order represents **Stealth’s first commercial order** for the EdgeiQ technology following an extended period of internal development, system integration and preparation for operation in live underground environments.

The total contract value for the purchase order is approximately **\$225,000 (excluding GST)** and covers the supply and installation of the EdgeiQ system for a pilot deployment, together with a pilot software licence including system monitoring and support valid for 12 months.

Stealth has progressed EdgeiQ through concept development, system design, prototype build and pre-deployment testing, with a focus on preparing the technology for operation in live underground mining environments. The pilot deployment announced today represents the first commercial application of this work at an operating underground mine.

In parallel with its mining-focused activities, Stealth has previously undertaken development work supported by collaborative programs and grant initiatives aligned with **defence and national security** priorities in sensing, perception and autonomous systems. This work has contributed to the maturation and field-readiness of Stealth’s core technology platform.

The pilot is intended to evaluate system performance under live operating conditions and reflects ongoing interest from the **gold and copper sectors** in technologies focused on **production efficiency in underground mining**. Gold and copper operations, where material value per tonne is relatively high, are considered a strong initial fit for such technologies, although applicability varies by site depending on factors such as mine life, production bottlenecks and processing capacity.

The pilot is designed to support evaluation and demonstration of the technology for potential broader commercial deployment. Any subsequent renewal or expansion would be subject to separate agreement. Stealth retains ownership of all intellectual property associated with the EdgeiQ technology.

The Company has not disclosed the identity of the counterparty, as it does not consider this to be information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company’s securities.

The Company confirms that this announcement contains all material information relevant to assessing the impact of the pilot deployment on the price or value of the entity’s securities and is not misleading by omission.

The Company expects to provide further updates as the pilot progresses and evaluation outcomes are assessed, in line with its continuous disclosure obligations.

Pooled Development Fund Program

Strategic Elements Ltd (ASX:SOR) is registered by the Australian Federal Government as a Pooled Development Fund (PDF) — a program supporting early-stage Australian innovation through patient capital and tax incentives. While no new PDFs can be registered, existing funds operate under Federal regulation with strict oversight to ensure compliance with the *Pooled Development Fund Act 1992*.

The PDF structure provides major tax advantages and encourages patient investment in Australian SMEs, allowing a focus on earlier stage innovation. SOR collaborates closely with research institutions and universities to access advanced infrastructure, expertise, and non-dilutive government grants that accelerate development while reducing costs. Pilot programs remain central to this strategy, enabling real-world validation with customers, refining performance, and building confidence ahead of broader rollout.

As a registered Pooled Development Fund (PDF), SOR is also actively scouting new opportunities across Australia's innovation ecosystem, engaging early with universities, research bodies, and government programs to identify high-potential technologies aligned with its collaborative, patient-capital approach to supporting breakthrough innovation.

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This announcement was authorised for release by the Strategic Elements' Board of Directors.

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