ACT Government grant to fund Canberra based Seeing Machines’ Monitoring Centre creates jobs for disadvantaged Australians

Canberra, 12 August 2019: ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Tertiary Education, Andrew Barr MLA, officially opened Seeing Machines’ Canberra based Guardian Monitoring Centre today.

Seeing Machines is the industry leader in driver monitoring technology to enhance safety across a range of transport sectors. Based in Canberra, the company employs over 200 people in its Fyshwick headquarters.

Seeing Machines is a successful recipient of the ACT Government’s inaugural Future Skills for Future Job Grants Program. The company has been allocated funding to embed Australian Traineeships into its workforce development strategy, provide employment opportunities for neuro diverse and disadvantaged jobseekers in the ACT, and keep new jobs on-shore.

The grant has also enabled the company to relocate part of its Guardian Monitoring Centre workforce back to Australia, from Tucson, Arizona in the US where it now adopts a ‘follow-the-sun’ approach to provide 24/7 service around the world.

Guardian, the company’s Fleet solution, provides real-time detection and prevention of driver related fatigue and distraction events to commercial transport and logistics companies around the world. Protecting more than 16,000 individual vehicles today, Seeing Machines enhances safety through its AI-powered in vehicle Guardian system which provides driver alerts, and is backed up by 24/7 monitoring which enables fleet operators, globally, to manage the health and safety of their drivers and passengers in real-time.

“The ACT Government is committed to supporting local businesses to create more jobs outside of the Australian Public Service, said Chief Minister Barr.

“Seeing Machines is a great example of a Canberra company that, through ACT Government support, is creating more local jobs. This includes a $300,000 investment through the ACT Government’s Future Skills for Future Jobs program assigned to their Canberra based Guardian Monitoring Centre, providing apprenticeship opportunities for Canberrans, as well as more job opportunities for neuro diverse and disadvantaged job seekers.”

Paul McGlone, CEO of Seeing Machines added: “We are delighted to be working closely with ACT Government to provide the opportunity to Canberrans, some with diverse needs, to be part of a meaningful workplace. We have worked with a number of key partners who have been critical in our ability to launch this initiative and give disadvantaged jobseekers such a great opportunity to be in long-term employment, fully trained, and equipped to integrate into a mainstream workplace.

“Key partners include Australian Training Company, Canberra Institute of Technology, Regional Development Australia, Job Access, EMPLOY for Ability as well as a range of other Disability Employment Services.”

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Seeing Machines (LSE: SEE), a global company headquartered in Australia, is an industry leader in computer vision technologies which enable machines to see, understand and assist people. The Company’s machine learning vision platform has the know-how to deliver real-time identification and understanding of drivers through Artificial Intelligence (AI) analysis of heads, faces and eyes. This insight enables Driver Monitoring Systems (DMS), which monitor driver/operator identification and attention and can detect drowsiness and distraction across multiple transport sectors.

Seeing Machines develops DMS for the Automotive, Commercial Fleet, Aviation, Rail and Off-Road markets. The Company has offices in Australia, USA, Europe and Asia, and delivers multi-platform solutions to industry leaders in each vertical.

DMS is becoming a core safety technology integrated into ADAS offerings for the automotive industry, particularly with the development of semi-autonomous and self-driving cars. DMS is also increasingly seen to be an integral safety feature across the Commercial Transport & Logistics industry and is set to be become a regulatory requirement for all cars, vans, trucks and buses in Europe from 2022, with the rest of the world expected to follow soon after.