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UATAR™ Launches Working Group 27 on UAS Insurance, Compliance, and Controller Training Standards for the Australian and New-Zealand National Air Space

UATAR™ with the support of UVSI, UVS-NZA and the active participation of the Department of State Development's Aviation and Defence Industry Development Team has established an Australia / New-Zealand focused Working Group (WG) on UAS Insurance, Compliance, and Controller Training Standards for the Australian and New-Zealand National Air Space (NAS).

Known as WG-27, the program was launched by UATAR™ Chairman Brigadier Bill Mellor (Rtd) and New-Zealand based Trevor Rogers (Board member UVSI and Chairman of UVS-NZA) on 6 December 2006. WG-27 aims to solve through demonstrator programs the critical issues currently inhibiting the commercial pathway and uptake of unmanned aircraft technology in the Australian, New-Zealand and Oceania NAS.

Presentations were provided by Trevor Rogers, John Walker from RTCA (SC 203 Committee) and Peter Van Blyenburgh UVSI, Paris. "The strength of UATAR™ WG-27 is that it consists of the right mix of people and experience including Global, Regional and Australian UAS manufacturers and operators, UAS Researchers, Military Aviation, an international Insurance underwriter, and UVSI, a highly regarded International UAS Body", said Brigadier Mellor (Rtd).

"Australia and New-Zealand have the conditions and capability to lead the world in the proliferation of UAS technology in commercial applications. In particular, Australia's size and the tyranny of sparsity make UAS technology very appealing and economical here", he said.

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