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## **DC HEIDI And EPI Sign Partnership To Provide The Global Benchmark, ANSI/TIA-942, Design And Audit Certification Services To Australia Data Centres**

**Building data centres that conform to a true world-class standard that mitigates risk of downtime, improves reliability and increases customer confidence.**

Sydney (11 May 2020) – DC Heidi and EPI have teamed up to offer ANSI/TIA-942 design, audit and certification services to Australian data centres. Australia is one of four major markets for data centres in Asia Pacific along with Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. Cloud providers are the fastest-growing market segment and Australia is attracting both local and international cloud providers. Cloud data provider numbers have increased significantly over the last five to seven years and COVID-19 has fuelled a meteoric movement to cloud storage in the last two months and that need will remain and increase over time.

With the growing presence of international based operators, the need for a benchmark for the complete scope of data centre design and build has become imperative. It is now critical to demonstrate conformance to global standards to raise confidence levels for today's mission critical data centres in all the vital areas, being electrical, mechanical, telecommunication, architectural, site location, fire safety, and physical security. Local data centre users and customers are also demanding the same of data centre providers with increasing pressure on data security and availability.

The stringent requirements of the ANSI/TIA-942 standard ticks all the boxes. It has the additional advantage of a fully regulated accreditation scheme to protect customers by ensuring the credentials of designers, auditors and audit/certification organisations.

DC Heidi is a project management consultancy company that prides itself on delivering data centre projects to the highest standards. Their in-depth knowledge and experience in data centre design and construction gives their customers an advantage in the market to fulfill the expectations of their growing client base.

EPI has been delivering a wide range of data centre services since 1987, enabling businesses worldwide to design, implement, optimise, test, operate and maintain their mission critical data centre to ensure it meets and exceeds business expectations. EPI is the world's first, and so far the only, ANSI/TIA-942 CAB (Conformity Assessment Body) authorised under the official TIA-942 Accreditation Scheme.

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In 2019, Australia's second data centre was issued with the TIA-942 Rated-3 certification from EPI. DC Heidi was responsible for the delivery of the data centre construction and accreditation. Adhering to the extensive list of requirements, DC Heidi in consultation with EPI completed a Rated-3 data centre with TIA-942 conformance in nine months. As with any large-scale project, there were challenges presented, and DC Heidi was well equipped to overcome these challenges by drawing on the skill set of its dedicated and experienced team.

As a result of the successful collaborative work with EPI, DC Heidi and EPI have now established a new partnership.

"We are currently working on a new data centre with a Rated-3 TIA-942 design, and this new partnership allows project management and accreditation requirements to come together in tandem. Drawing on extensive project management experience and data centre construction, DC Heidi is confident that the new data centre design and build will be delivered with full conformance to the ANSI/TIA-942 rating as required by the customer and completed with ANSI/TIA-942 certification," said Joe Maurer, Project Director from DC Heidi.

The DC Heidi team is well positioned to deliver construction projects on any scale and its team is dedicated to managing project needs from inception to final delivery.

"With this partnership, data centre customers will get the best of both worlds - direct access to the strong local design expertise from DC Heidi combined with the longstanding TIA-942 global audit and certification expertise from EPI. Data centres embarking on design and build projects can be assured they will be able to get a highly regarded data centre design and certification conforming to the stringent requirements of the TIA-942 standard. EPI has extensive technical knowledge on TIA-942 being an active contributing member of the TIA-942 technical committee," said Edward van Leent, Chairman and CEO of EPI Group of Companies.

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### **About DC Heidi**

DC Heidi is a Project Management consulting company that provides services in Australia and Germany. The highly skilled and experienced team at DC Heidi delivers projects in the construction industry. A market driven focus on data centres has fostered the depth and knowledge that exists throughout the organisation today.

A 15-year track record of successfully delivering major construction projects, DC Heidi has demonstrated their ability to deliver complex and challenging projects on time and to budget. Underpinning this is now the ability to deliver to the highest of standards globally.

Further information here – [www.dcheidi.com](http://www.dcheidi.com)

### **About EPI**

EPI is a global data centre specialist company of European origin, with over 30 years of experience. EPI operates world-wide in over 60 countries and 130 cities through direct operations and a large partner network. EPI offers an extensive range of data centre expert services which includes accredited data centre and IT training, audit and certification, and the DCOS® - Data Centre Operations Standard.

EPI is the world's largest provider of accredited data centre training and ANSI/TIA-942 conformity audit and certification services. EPI is a registered Certification Body (CB).

EPI's reputation has been built on delivering high quality technical expertise with a continuous drive for excellence and innovation. Always on the leading edge, EPI has released many world first innovations including the DCOS® (Data Centre Operations Standard®), Data Centre Framework®, DCCF® (Data Centre Competence Framework®), Data Centre and IT Career Planning Tools, and Data Centre and IT Training Frameworks.

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