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Vault Ventures PLC
(the “Company” or “Vault”)

Co-Design Partnership MoUs Signed with Strategic Edge Consulting and Arqit

The Company is pleased to announce that Whitespace, the Company's engineering partner designing and developing the secure communications platform, has entered into two Memoranda of Understanding (“**MoUs**”), one with **Strategic Edge Consulting** and the other with **Arqit** (together, the "**Partners**") to act as co-design partners in the development and advancement of the Company's post-quantum cryptography-based technology platform intended for use by financial institutions and regulatory bodies (the "**Product**" or "**Technology**").

Under the MoUs, the Partners will serve as co-design partners for the Product, contributing user scenarios, sector expertise, and operational feedback to inform the design, usability, and compliance posture of the Product.

During this co-design phase, the collaborative activities will include:

- Provision of user scenarios, use cases, and operational feedback to inform Product design and functionality;
- Participation in structured testing and evaluation sessions, providing feedback on usability, workflow integration, and compliance considerations;
- Whitespace sharing relevant design artefacts, prototypes, and demonstration environments to facilitate informed feedback from the Partners.

Mark Evans-Smith, Proposed CEO and Executive Director, **commented*:***
“We are delighted that Whitespace, our engineering partner, is collaborating with Strategic Edge Consulting and Arqit on this initiative. Their combined expertise in cyber security, regulatory requirements, and operational challenges will be instrumental in ensuring the Product addresses the genuine needs of our target sectors. We look forward to their feedback throughout the co-design phase.”

Paul Feenan, General Manager for Government & Defence at Arqit, commented:
“The financial services industry faces a critical tipping point as post-quantum migration deadlines approach. Arqit provides post-quantum authentication and encryption that, combined with our project partners, enables secure and auditable communications to be protected and maintained for evidentiary requirements. We're not just preparing for the quantum transition; we're solving a governance problem, and we’re delighted to support Whitespace, Vault & Strategic Edge Consulting in this project."

Ash Jackson, Chief Operating Officer at Strategic Edge, commented:
“The move to post-quantum cryptography is one of the most significant security changes financial institutions and regulators will make in the coming decade. Success will depend as much on how a platform fits real operational and compliance workflows as on the cryptography itself. We are pleased to be working with Vault and Whitespace as a co-design partner, bringing experience from defence, national security and regulated environments to help shape technology that is future-proof by design and built around how these organisations actually work."

About Arqit
Arqit Quantum Inc. (Nasdaq: ARQQ, ARQQW) secures the world’s most critical data with quantum-safe encryption software. Simple, scalable, and compliant, its products integrate with existing infrastructure and requires no rip and replace of hardware.

Arqit provides a complete “Detect, Protect, Comply” solution for governments and enterprises that detects and inventories cryptographic assets, protects data, ensures compliance, and safeguards transition to the post-quantum era.

Arqit's primary product offerings are Encryption Intelligence and NetworkSecure™. Encryption Intelligence detects cryptographic exposure, identifies vulnerabilities, and maps dependencies. NetworkSecure™ protects data in transit with provably secure post-quantum cryptography and contributes to establishment of confidential compute environments for complete data sovereignty.

Arqit is an IDC Innovator for Post-Quantum Cryptography (2024) and a multi-award-winner in quantum-safe security. For more information, visit www.arqitgroup.com.

About Strategic Edge Consulting
Strategic Edge Consulting is a UK-based advisory firm that combines defence, intelligence, industry, and academic expertise to assist organisations in navigating complex strategic, technological, cyber, defence, and national security challenges through practical advisory services grounded in operational experience. The firm provides strategic leadership and development, digital transformation, fractional C-suite support, and technical advisory services tailored for complex operating environments.
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