

Royal Australian Navy Awards ScanEagle Contract Extension to Insitu Pacific



A ScanEagle is launched during a Strait of Hormuz transit aboard USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) in 2018. *U.S. NAVY / Chief Logistics Specialist Brandon Cummings*

BRISBANE, Australia – Insitu Pacific has been awarded a three-year contract extension by the Royal Australian Navy for the sustainment of its ScanEagle unmanned aircraft, the company said Dec. 6.

The extension allows the Australian navy to continue to experiment and develop knowledge using the ScanEagle maritime UAS, leveraging the foundation capability developed during embarked operations on HMAS Newcastle in the Gulf of Oman in 2017.

“Insitu Pacific is proud to continue to support [the Royal

Australian Navy] in their ongoing [unmanned aircraft] experimentation and testing work over the next three years,” said Andrew Duggan, managing director of Insitu Pacific. “This contract extension provides us with an opportunity to deepen our existing sovereign capability and supply chains in Australia, and partner with RAN to offer up new capabilities for testing in the coming years.”

ScanEagle has been in service with the Australian navy for experimentation and testing since 2014.

The navy operates several ScanEagle systems at 822X Squadron in Nowra, and the contract extension enables continuation of MUAS training, tactics development and payload evaluation activities.