

Defence Materiel Organisation

Land Systems Division

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Dear Mr Powe,

PROCUREMENT OF THE SE400AT POSITIVE PRESSURE DEMAND RESPIRATOR BY THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT BY THE JOINT INCIDENT RESPONSE UNIT SUPPORTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES

1. Project BLOODHOUND procured 35 SE400AT Respirators on behalf of the Australian Defence Force. These systems were issued to the Joint Incident Response Unit (JIRU) which provided chemical, biological and radiological response (CBRR) support to the Sydney Olympics. The procurement contract also included training our instructors on the operation and maintenance of the system.
2. The SE400AT proved to be an effective and reliable capability which did not exist in the ADF prior to its introduction. The systems procured have been used extensively by JIRU during its training and preparation for the Olympic Games period. The SE400AT is used by the Decontamination Troop. If it wasn't for the unique demand-supply capabilities of the system the endurance of our operators, whilst suited up, would be significantly reduced. The environment that it must operate in is extremely demanding. It is exposed to mist and showers for long periods and has to be rugged enough to survive being frequently knocked around by the soldiers whilst carrying out their duties.
3. Safety Equipment Australia (SEA) Pty Ltd has proven to be a reliable and customer-focussed company. The standard SE400 Respirator required modification to meet Defence's requirements. SEA had the engineering and manufacturing capability to satisfy all our requirements and accelerated their re-engineering program to meet our operational deadlines. We have found SEA's people to always be friendly, responsive and professional.
4. Finally, the training provided by SEA was of a high standard and was well received by the unit's instructors, The user's manual is a very well structured document that readily provides the operator with the information required to operate/maintain the system.

Yours sincerely,



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