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Arqit boosts top team with senior USAF veteran

David "Kumo" Kumashiro joins Arqit as General Manager for the US

London, UK – 20 October 2021 – Arqit Quantum Inc. ("Arqit"), a leader in quantum encryption technology, is pleased to announce the appointment of David "Kumo" Kumashiro as General Manager for the US, with immediate effect.

A veteran of the US Air Force for almost 30 years, David most recently was Director for Research and Analysis at the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, where he led the Department of Defense line of effort focused on the application of AI and associated technologies to National Security missions. Prior to that, his last position on active duty was as a Brigadier General leading the Cross Function Team for Joint All-Domain Command and Control.

In the new role, Kumo will spearhead the expansion of Arqit's presence in the United States, including the subsidiary established to secure Special Security Agreement accreditation through the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency to work with DoD and other US departments and agencies.

Arqit Founder, Chairman and CEO David Williams, said: "We are thrilled to have Kumo, join our high-performance team in the United States. QuantumCloud™ has solved the security layer problem inherent in the Joint All Domain Command and Control concept, which is the future of defense communications. David's prior leadership of that initiative gives us invaluable insight and further enhances Arqit's close relationship with US Government customers."

David "Kumo" Kumashiro, General Manager for US said: "It is an extraordinary privilege to join this world-class team. Arqit has already made impressive progress with US Government customers and I'm excited to help to fully realise the enormous potential of the business in the US."

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About Arqit

Arqit Quantum Inc. ("Arqit") supplies a unique quantum encryption Platform-as-a-Service which makes the communications links of any networked device secure against current and future forms of attack – even from a quantum computer. Arqit's product, QuantumCloud™, enables any device to download a lightweight software agent of less than 200 lines of code, which can create encryption keys in partnership with any other device. The keys are computationally secure, one-time use and zero trust. QuantumCloud™ can create limitless volumes of keys in limitless group sizes and can regulate the secure entrance and exit of a device in a group. The addressable market for QuantumCloud™ is every connected device.

On 3 September 2021, Arqit completed its business combination with Centricus Acquisition Corp. (“Centricus”) a special purpose acquisition company. The combined company has retained the name Arqit Quantum Inc. Arqit trades on Nasdaq under the ticker symbols “ARQQ” and “ARQQW”.

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