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Vancouver, British Columbia, February 23rd, 2026. – INDROTEK’s robotic ecosystem, with the core part InDro Robotics, today announced that InDro Robotics has been chosen as one of the first nine Canadian companies in the cohort of the CENGN Living Lab Projects. The first cohort of projects, collectively valued at \$6.5 million and supported by federal funding, marks a significant milestone in strengthening Canada’s innovation ecosystem and enabling Canadian companies to bring commercially viable solutions to market faster. CENGN (Canada’s Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks) is a government-backed innovation hub that accelerates the commercialization of advanced digital technologies, ranging from AI and IoT to robotics and 5G, by providing real-world testbed environments and expertise. As Canada’s Centre of Excellence, CENGN “drives the innovation and adoption of advanced networking technologies in Canada through connected infrastructure, technical expertise and services, talent development, and the nurturing of a thriving innovation ecosystem”. Under its \$45 million Living Lab program, CENGN has launched eight collaborative lab sites across BC, Ontario and Quebec. Each lab is supported by leading partners (including 5G and network technology leaders like Ericsson, Nokia and Rogers) and focuses on validating solutions in sectors such as Smart Agriculture, Smart Mobility, Robotics, and other next-generation network environments. CENGN announced the first cohort of Living Lab Projects today, via press release ([here](#)).

InDro Robotics brings a solid track record of robotics innovation into this collaboration. Over the past several years, the company has modified and deployed robotics systems for specialized industrial applications, including hazardous environment operations enhanced by its proprietary “InDro Backpack” modular payload architecture. These projects, showcased at national technology events and field demonstrations, have demonstrated InDro’s ability to integrate advanced sensing, communications, and control systems onto humanoid platforms to extend operational capability. The company has also engineered custom robotic

configurations tailored to specific industry challenges, reinforcing its position as one of Canada's most hands-on and deployment-focused robotics innovators. InDro Robotics will use this opportunity to validate its humanoid-equipped Cortex robotics solution. This system is designed to automate physically demanding tasks with a robot-agnostic control architecture, which is basically a compact "brain" that can be integrated onto many existing robotics platforms. In practice, the Humanoid equipped with the Cortex approach combines VR-assisted development and digital simulation with real-world autonomy, enabling rapid testing and deployment in existing workspaces. As InDro's engineers explain, a humanoid form factor can work in places built for people without changing the surrounding infrastructure. For example, its open control interfaces support mainstream simulation platforms, allowing developers to test algorithms virtually before real-world trials. The Living Lab environments will enable InDro Robotics to test and refine the Cortex-equipped Humanoid system in operational 5G-connected greenhouses, preparing its performance and reliability ahead of market launch.

"We are grateful for this opportunity, and it holds a significant milestone for our robotics team," said Philip Reece, CTO of INDROTEK and Founder of InDro Robotics. "Being selected for CENGN's Living Lab cohort means we get to work alongside Canada's best innovators in an actual 5G-enabled testbed. CENGN's mission is to connect government, industry and academia in realistic settings, which is exactly what robotics companies need to move from lab demos to real deployments. Through this partnership, we will accelerate the development of our humanoid platform and show how it can step into jobs that are dangerous or repetitive for people. Our system was built to 'plug and play' in existing facilities, with no need to rebuild factories or farms around it, and the Living Lab is the ideal place to verify that advantage. We look forward to collaborating with the other companies in this cohort and demonstrating how advanced robotics can boost productivity across agriculture, mobility and industry."

Reece added, "Working with top innovators and 5G leaders will sharpen our solutions and expand our market perspective. CENGN's testbeds will help us iron

out real-world challenges and show customers the concrete benefits of humanoid automation, which ultimately bring safer operations, lower costs, and the ability to redeploy human labour to higher-value tasks. This initiative underscores INDROTEK's position at the forefront of Canada's robotics ecosystem. As part of the INDROTEK family, InDro Robotics combines deep R&D experience with commercial know-how. Through CENGN, we can now bring our technology to market faster and contribute to making Canada a world leader in connected robotics and AI."

About CENGN's Living Lab Initiative

CENGN's Living Lab program provides state-of-the-art physical and virtual test environments for Canadian tech companies. Each lab is funded in part by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, which focuses on critical sectors (e.g. smart agriculture, smart cities, advanced manufacturing) and features advanced networking infrastructure (including private 5G). By participating in Innovation and Adoption Projects, startups and scaleups can access CENGN's facilities and expertise to test, validate and certify their products for market entry. The Living Lab approach emphasizes collaboration and user feedback by testing in real settings with potential customers on-site, where companies can accelerate their product readiness and commercialization path.

About InDro Robotics

InDro Robotics, part of INDROTEK's robotic ecosystem, is Canada's leading team in R&D robotic systems used for complex missions and environments. InDro Robotics designs, builds and operates advanced autonomous drones, quadrupeds, humanoids and sensor systems for a wide range of applications. InDro's motto is "invent, enhance, deploy", which reflects its hands-on approach to solving real-world problems. The company serves government, commercial and academic clients, offering both off-the-shelf products (like its platform-agnostic Cortex control

modules) and fully customized robotics solutions. For more information, visit InDro Robotics and CENGn.

About INDROTEK

INDROTEK is a Vancouver-based group of robotics companies (including InDro Robotics, Bravo Zulu, and Stratocom) that designs, integrates and operates AI-powered air and ground systems for defence, critical infrastructure and commercial customers. The group develops cutting-edge autonomous systems for customers such as government agencies and critical infrastructure operators. INDROTEK's mission is to bridge commercial and defense technology needs while adhering to all regulatory and security requirements.

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