AETHER GLOBAL INNOVATIONS PROVIDES UDPATE ON PROPOSED ARION DEFENSE ACQUISITION AND TRADING HALT

VANCOUVER, BC – April 16, 2026 – Aether Global Innovations Corp. (CSE: AETH) (OTC: AETHF) (Frankfurt: 4XA) (WKN# A2N8RH) ("**Aether**" or the "**Company**") today provides a corporate update to shareholders and the investing public, including details regarding the current trading halt on its common shares and the proposed acquisition of Arion Defense Inc. ("**Arion**").

Trading Halt and Proposed Acquisition

The Company's common shares are currently subject to a trading halt imposed by the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "**CSE**") in connection with its previously announced definitive agreement to acquire 100% of Arion (see news release dated April 1, 2026). The proposed transaction constitutes a "fundamental change" under CSE Policy 8 and is subject to shareholder approval, exchange approval, and the filing and review of a CSE Form 2A listing statement.

The Company is working closely with the CSE to advance the required filings and approvals and will provide further updates as the process progresses. The halt will remain in effect pending completion of this review.

Acquisition Overview and Strategic Positioning

Aether is building an integrated defense and security technology platform through a disciplined, acquisition-driven model, focused on high-demand verticals including counter-drone systems along with ancillary individual component technology, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) platforms, and advanced physical screening technologies.

The proposed acquisition of Arion is expected to significantly expand the Company's capabilities across these verticals. On the counter-drone side, Aether is expected to gain exposure to field-deployed counter-UAS systems currently in active international use, incorporating multi-sensor detection (RF, radar, optical and acoustic) combined with AI-enabled mitigation technologies, with ongoing military trials in South Asia.

The transaction is also expected to add the Footwear Screening Platform, an exclusively licensed PNNL-patented technology utilizing millimeter-wave imaging and AI analysis to detect concealed threats without requiring footwear removal, addressing a recognized gap in airport and border security protocols.

Aether's platform model focuses on partnering with and acquiring businesses that have established revenue, intellectual property, and government relationships, and scaling these assets through integration, capital deployment, and expanded distribution. The proposed acquisition of Arion, together with the Company's existing agency agreements with Bravo Zulu Drone Defense and UAVionics, is intended to advance Aether's strategy of building a multi-domain security offering for defense, law enforcement, border security, transportation, and critical infrastructure markets globally.

In connection with closing, Arion is expected to complete a $1 million private placement. The Company also anticipates potential board and management reconstitution following completion of the transaction.

There can be no assurance that the proposed transaction will be completed on the terms described or at all.

About Aether Global Innovations Corp.

Aether Global Innovations Corp. (AETH) is a defense and security technology company focused on unmanned systems, counter-drone solutions, and advanced security scanning for critical infrastructure and high-value public and private sites. Aether operates a disciplined platform model, acquiring and partnering with proven operators that have established revenue, intellectual property, and government relationships, then scaling these assets through integration, capital deployment, and global distribution. By combining counter-UAV capabilities, ISR-oriented unmanned systems, and advanced screening technologies, Aether aims to deliver rapidly deployable, mission-focused solutions that enhance the safety, resilience, and operational awareness of its customers. For more information, visit: www.aethergic.com.

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