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Aspen Medical acquires majority stake in recruitment specialist

Aspen Medical has acquired a majority shareholding in Ironside Recruitment, a Melbourne-based recruitment company specialising in transitioning ex-Defence members to other industry sectors. Ironside provided key personnel to Aspen Medical during the company's successful Ebola Response contract in West Africa in 2014 and 2015.

Bruce Armstrong, CEO of Aspen Medical said, "We are delighted to welcome Ironside Recruitment to the Aspen Medical family. Defence is in our DNA and we know that the skills and experience of ex-Defence members leads to successful outcomes for our clients.

"We are excited about growing this business and bringing the value of employing ex-Defence personnel to companies in many sectors including Resources, Energy, Rail, Transport, Logistics and Defence," he continued.

Ironside Recruitment was founded in 2012 by Glen Ferrarotto, who transitioned from the Army in 2008 having served for 10 years as mechanic. Mr Ferrarotto, a veteran of Afghanistan and service within Australian Special Operations, will assume the role of Executive Director of Ironside Recruitment and continue to pursue the company's vision of being Australia and New Zealand's most trusted recruitment agency for ex-service men and women.

"Being a part of Aspen Medical is a natural fit for Ironside Recruitment. Both organisations understand how the hard earned skills and experience of ex-ADF personnel translate in the civilian world and together we are dedicated to helping them sell their achievements in a way that employers see strategic value," said Mr Ferrarotto.

In addition to its core business, Ironside Recruitment also delivers transition and employment support to wounded, injured and ill veterans through tailored employment

pathway programs delivered on behalf of the Returned and Services League (RSL) and Queensland-based ex-service organisation, Mates4Mates.

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