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Investment in New Zealand's Dotterel developing noise reduction and aerial audio solutions

DRONE FUND announces that DRONE FUND II (Official name; Chiba Dojo Drone Fund II Investment Limited Partnership) managed by Kotaro Chiba and Soki Ohmae in Tokyo, Japan, has invested in Dotterel Technologies managed by Shaun Edlin in Auckland, New Zealand.



Dotterel develops shrouds to reduce noise generated by drone propellers, and microphones for aerial recording. Based in New Zealand, they provide their solutions primarily to government, security and entertainment customers from U.S. and Australia, with an aim to also address the emerging drone logistics market.

Dotterel's unique noise reduction propulsion systems reduce turbulence and significantly enable noise reduction. It has also been shown that suppressing turbulence increases energy efficiency in the drones. Dotterel also develop aerial acoustic payloads, such as microphones for capturing audio from drone in real-time, enabling long range two-way audio communication with the drone.

For more information on specific use cases, company information and information on CEO, Shaun Edlin, please see our own Spotlight Article on Dotterel.

(https://dronefund.vc/en/feature/spotlight_vol01/)

DRONE FUND has thought that the noise produced by drones is a major hurdle as drones become more widely accepted by the general public. Therefore, we strongly believe that Dotterel technology will contribute to the social acceptance of drones and air mobility. Through this investment, we will promote cooperation within DRONE FUND's other investees and further accelerate the social implementation of drones and air mobility.

■About Dotterel

- Official Name :Dotterel Technologies
- Representative: Shaun Edlin (CEO)
- Founded: 2015
- Business: development of drone noise reduction system and aerial audio payloads
- Website: <https://dotterel.co.nz/>

■About DRONE FUND II

DRONE FUND I was established by Kotaro Chiba and Soki Ohmae in June 2017 as a venture capital specializing in drone-related startups. Today, Drone Fund I and II invests in more than 30 startups around the world to further realize a "Drone-based Society" and "Air Mobility Society" and will continue to invest globally.

- Official Name : Chiba Dojo Drone Fund II Investment Limited Partnership
- Managing Company: DRONE FUND Inc.
- Co-representative: Kotaro Chiba, Soki Ohmae
- Established: August 2018
- Business: Investment in drone and air mobility-related startups
- Website :<http://dronefund.vc>

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