<u>Appendix – Quotes from partners and portfolio companies</u>

- **Joseph Fitzsimons, founder, Horizon Quantum Computing**, said, "SGInnovate is unparalleled in its leadership in supporting deep technology startups, companies developing technologies that will shape the future. As a company focusing on harnessing quantum physics to accelerate computation, we at Horizon Quantum Computing could not have hoped for a better partner on our journey, and are delighted to have SGInnovate as the lead investor in our seed round."

- **Nidhi Gupta, CEO, Portcast** said, "We are extremely glad to have SGInnovate as a partner in the journey to build Portcast. We believe that both as an investor and as a community, SGInnovate has already proven to be a great asset for us – from hiring the right talent, access to potential customers and mentorship in the startup building process."

- **Rostislav Doganov, founder and CEO, Involt**, said, "Involt is developing new electrical energy storage cells to help the world transition towards a low-carbon future. We are working on ultracapacitors that can form the backbone of a new breed of battery technology that is safer, more efficient and cost-effective. SGInnovate's investment will help Involt expedite the development of our storage technology, which can accelerate the adoption of green technologies such as electric vehicles as well as solar and wind power generation and distribution."

- **Professor Pang Hwee Hwa, Dean, SMU School of Information Systems**, said, "We are excited by the opportunities that this programme will offer to SMU students to work with leading industry partners and apply what they have learned about artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning and blockchain, for example, and make a meaningful impact in tackling real-world issues."

- **Professor Mohan Kankanhalli, Dean, NUS School of Computing**, said, "At NUS School of Computing, we are committed to developing talents with the requisite technical skills that are based on long-term industry needs. This apprenticeship programme established by SGInnovate will expand opportunities for our students to gain experience working on deep tech projects. Such immersion programmes will also enable students to hone their business acumen and develop soft skills, while exposing them to real-world business problems. This is a timely initiative for education institutions to work with industry partners to help meet the growing local and global demand for talent with technological expertise."

- **Professor Kam Chan Hin, Deputy Provost (Education), NTU,** said, "The enhanced Summation Programme will offer our students greater internship and attachment opportunities in the deep tech sector, showing them how exciting it is and what future jobs will look like. By building up the students' skills and passion for deep tech, we can expand the pool of specialised talent in this sector, and encourage more startup companies to scale and grow."

- **Professor Chong Tow Chong, President, SUTD,** said, "SUTD's multi-disciplinary human-centric curriculum equips students with design thinking and technically-grounded skills that aid them in developing new products, systems and solutions. They are further exposed to the startup culture, training, mentors and investors from their first year of study. Hence, we are thrilled by SGInnovate's support with the deep tech-focused Summation programme that will further strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem SUTD is providing to cultivate and usher more startups into the Singapore economy and beyond."