



Arm Scor and AMD strengthening strategic alliance

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In a move to strengthen relationships with all its stakeholders, the newly appointed board of Arm Scor, led by Adm. (ret) Mudimu has, since assuming its role in May 2014 been on a mission to engage with key stakeholders. The Arm Scor board engagement with the AMD board on the 28th July 2014 marked a new era for both Arm Scor and AMD as both committed to start a new chapter and focus on improving efficiencies - acquisition and systems delivery - to meet the needs of the Department of Defence (DoD) and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

“For the SANDF to continue safeguarding the sovereignty of the country and on its peace keeping missions in the continent, it is utmost important that they are equipped with the necessary systems in time and on time. It is therefore crucial for both Arm Scor and the industry to work together to satisfy these needs” said Adm. (ret) Mudimu, Arm Scor Chairperson. He further urged both Arm Scor and AMD to fight corruption and eradicate this epidemic problem.

The parties discussed various issues and concerns, including industry support and acquisition policies which have direct impact on the development and sustainability of the defence industry. In this regard, the sub-committees with representatives from both Arm Scor and AMD were encouraged to continue engaging to find effective and efficient collaborative solutions on challenges identified.

With the upcoming African Aerospace and Defence (AAD2014) exhibition taking place at Waterkloof Air Force Base from the 17 to 21 of September, the parties committed to working together to successfully host the 8th AAD edition in the areas of land, sea and maritime technologies.

“Together with Arm Scor we are forging an open and engaging communication platform, not only to the benefit our customer, but to the defence industry as a whole. We are committed to transform the defence industry in support of our government strategic imperatives, especially in areas of BEE compliance, skills development, training and support of Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME)” said Dean Mogale, AMD Chairperson.

The relationship between Armscor and AMD is paramount to both parties; for Armscor to deliver on its mandate in time and on time and for the development and sustainability of the South African Defence Industry (SADI).

About Armscor:

ARMSCOR, the Armaments Corporation of South Africa SOC Ltd, (Act 51 of 2003) is the acquisition agency for the South African Department of Defence mandated to acquire defence materiel for the department, amongst other responsibilities.

About AMD:

AMD is the Aerospace, Maritime and Defence Industries Association of South Africa. Its primary objectives are the representation of the industry in matters of mutual interest, and the promotion of a profitable, sustainable and responsible industry.

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