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### **ARMSCOR RECEIVES UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION**

Armcor, the Acquisition Agency for the Department of Defence, received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General of South Africa for the financial year ended 31 March 2018. This was revealed when the organisation presented its 2017/18 annual report to the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans in Parliament on 10 October 2018. Armcor attributes these results to sound financial management and adherence to the principle of good governance.

The organisation has worked hard to achieve most of its goals as outlined in the corporate plan. This has been achieved in the declining economic climate. During the year under review, the Defence Sector Charter was approved by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans. Armcor together with the Department of Defence and Aerospace Maritime and Defence (AMD) launched the independent Defence Industry Fund. This will see local small, medium and micro enterprises in the defence industry being equipped to compete in the global defence market. It will also help with transforming the industry by introducing new entrants, while ensuring security of supply of strategic and sovereign capabilities to the South African National Defence Force. Armcor performed exceptionally well on the service level agreement objectives.

“We have taken the mandate emanating from the President’s speech during his opening address of the Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD2018) expo, that there is a cogent need to sweat the defence assets and forge tangible international partnerships in order for the defence industry to be sustainable,” said Mr Kevin Wakeford, Armcor CEO.

Armcor and the Defence Industry have been given a mandate to pursue the leveraging of utilising Intellectual Property, cost effective research and development to deliver a good return on investment (ROI) for the economy. Despite the challenges encountered as a result of shrinking defence allocation, the organisation and the industry is open for business both locally and internationally.

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