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ARMSCOR SUPPLIER OPEN DAY

Date: 16 May 2016

Armcor, the acquisition agency for the Department of Defence will be hosting a supplier open day. Supplier Open Day is one of the Armcor's stakeholder engagement initiatives, which aims to equip Suppliers of the defence industry - particularly SMMEs - with meaningful information that will enable them to compete effectively. As a socially responsible and committed government entity, Armcor is determined to drive transformation within the defence sector to ensure inclusive participation in the economy and redistribution of economic power relations. It is Armcor's focus, amongst others to advance the strategic initiatives of a developmental state as defined in the National Development Plan (NDP).

Armcor acknowledges the significant role played by SMMEs in growing the South African economy hence the organisation's unwavering commitment to support these industry players to grow beyond South African borders, this is echoed by the Supplier Open Day's theme - **"empowering SMMEs for global competitiveness"**, whilst its objectives are to:

- Share the **"On Time In Time – Towards A Sustainable Future"** strategy of Armcor
- Inform and educate suppliers about Armcor procurement process as well as provide information on financial and non-financial support
- Create a networking platform for SMMEs to engage with large companies, thus promoting Enterprise Supplier Development and / or subcontracting and partnering opportunities
- Consult with Suppliers on the development of Defence Sector Transformation Charter

Members of the media are invited to attend the event on:

Date : Thursday, 19 May 2016

Venue: St George Hotel (Irene, Pretoria)

Time : 09h00 – 16h00

Media briefing for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by Armcor and Masisizane Fund, an Old Mutual Group initiative established to provide financial and non-financial support to SMMEs will be held at 13:00.

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