



Media Statement - For immediate release

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DEFENCE SECTOR CHARTER ADOPTED

The Defence Sector Charter was today adopted by the stakeholders in the defence industry at another stakeholder consultation session attended by some officials from the Department of Defence and Military Veterans, as well as the Department of Trade and Industry, Industry Experts, Suppliers, Military Veterans, Armscor Officials, Trade Unions among others. Welcoming stakeholders, Mr Mketi, the Chairperson of the Charter Steering Committee and Director of Industry Governance at the Department of Defence and Military Veterans thanked all stakeholders who have contributed towards the development of the charter. “The Charter will no doubt assist in accelerating transformation in the Defence industry”, he further said.

Adv. Ramphela, who is the Deputy Chairperson of the Defence Charter Steering Committee and also heads up Corporate Compliance at Armscor, encouraged all stakeholders including Youth, Women and Military Veterans to further provide input on the Charter before it is promulgated. “This will ensure that all input from different stakeholders is considered” she said.

The adoption of the charter today, marks an important milestone for the Charter Steering Committee and is also a tribute to their unrelenting efforts towards the promulgation of the charter.

Speaking at the event, Armscor CEO, Mr Kevin Wakeford said “We are pleased with the extensive and robust consultation that has been undertaken to developing the Defence Sector Charter. There is an equivalent commitment by all to ensure that the Defence Industry is a leading sector in developing cutting edge technology, as well as in terms of inclusive economic participation”. He further thanked all who participated in the process and encouraged stakeholders to work together saying “ our economy will not grow exponentially without collaborative efforts aimed at fighting unemployment, inequality and poverty”.

The adopted Charter will be presented to the National Defence Industry Council and the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans where after the Minister will send it to the Minister of Trade and Industry; the dti will publish for further comments by the public for a 60 day period thereafter gazette it in terms of s.9 of the Broad-Black Economic Empowerment Amendment Act 2013 as a Defence Sector Code.

A copy of the draft Charter can be obtained from the Armscor website: www.armscor.co.za.
Inputs on the draft Charter can still be submitted to: admincharter@armscor.co.za.



Members of the Charter Steering Committee, **Left to right (back)**: Mr Dennis Mlambo (Group Supply Chain Executive, Denel); AMD Executive Director, Mr Simphiwe Hamilton; Mr Meshack Teffo (Senior Manager, Armscor Legal Services) Ms Lulu Mzili (GM: Marketing & Business Development, Armscor), Ms Nomkhosi Magwaza (Senior Manager, Armscor BEE Division), Mr Jacob Maphutha (Director BEE/Stakeholder Engagement & Partnership, the dti) and Mr Pumlanani Kubukeli (Coordinator Military Veterans, Armscor)

Seated (front): Armscor CEO, Mr Kevin Wakeford; Mr Trevor Mketi (Chairperson of the Charter Steering Committee, DOD), Adv. Vuyisa Ramphela (GM: Corporate Compliance, Armscor) and Mr Isaac Motale (Chairperson of BEE/SMME/Skills Development Committee, AMD).

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