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VISION

Armcor's vision is to be the strategic partner of choice for defence and security solutions.



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W With the support of the Board of Directors, Armscor continues to embark on initiatives aimed at repositioning itself as a procurement agency of choice. The goal is to leverage opportunities that are emerging on the African continent. This was demonstrated when Armscor attended the Synergy Safety, Defence and Security exhibition held in Burkina Faso and the Africa Security Symposium held in Ethiopia.

These are just but a few platforms that allows the Corporation to have meaningful engagements with key role players in the security and defence sector. It is through these gatherings that Armscor is able to demonstrate its capabilities and forge strategic relationships with the intention to leverage on its expertise. Industry shows and exhibitions have over the years proven to be effective channels for collaborations and strengthening relationships aimed at providing key defence solutions.

We are pleased to announce the delivery of the third and the last multi-mission inshore patrol vessel to the South African Navy. This vessel named SAS Adam Kok III under Project Biro, once again demonstrate Armscor's capability to deliver on complex acquisition projects. Despite the challenges encountered, sheer hard work and determination from all stakeholders ensured the successful delivery of the third vessel.

We trust that this milestone will enhance the South African Navy's capability to conduct effective operations and safeguard the maritime environment. With more funding a lot can be done to resource the South African National Defence Force to meet challenges posed by the current and future geopolitical tensions.

In the same vein, Armscor delivered much-needed body work cameras and drones to the Border Management Authority (BMA). This milestone is a testament of well-coordinated efforts between state-owned entities. It embodies what can be achieved when the will prevails. Using its decades of acquisition expertise, Armscor seeks to equip the BMA with the required tools of trade to safeguard South African ports of entry. More projects are set to unfold as the two entities deepen their relations.

We congratulate Protechnik Laboratories for retaining its small-scale certification. This achievement is attributed to Protechnik's compliance to article (III) and article (VI) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons convention. We applaud the team behind this accolade for their dedication and commitment in ensuring peaceful use of industrial chemicals coupled with high standards of scientific integrity and quality assurance. Apart from Protechnik being the only small-scale facility in South Africa, this milestone speaks about its global competitiveness in chemical science.

Keep warm and enjoy the reading





ARMSCOR DELIVERS FINAL PATROL VESSEL TO SA NAVY



Delivery of the third patrol vessel, SAS Adam Kok III to strengthen SA Navy's patrol capabilities.

Armscor, South Africa's defence acquisition authority, marked the successful commissioning and naming of the third Multi-Mission Inshore Patrol Vessel (MMIPV), P1573, to the South African (SA) Navy. The vessel was officially named SAS Adam Kok III and was handed over during a ceremonial event held on 25 April 2025 at the Durban Naval Base.

This handover is the culmination of Project Biro, an acquisition programme aimed at enhancing the SA Navy's coastal defence capacity with modern, multi-mission vessels. Some of P1573's milestone highlights included the keel laying in October 2021 and a blessing ceremony in March 2024. The vessel is named after Adam Kok III, a much-respected historical figure who was known for his bravery and tenacity, qualities that resonate with the vessel's intended purpose of safeguarding South Africa's maritime interests.

In his remarks at the event, the Armscor Board Chairperson, Dr Alex Mahapa commended the collaborative efforts that led to the successful completion of the project. "We are immensely proud to witness the naming of the third MMIPV. The delivery of SAS Adam Kok III is a testament to the dedication of all stakeholders and the strength of our partnerships across government, industry and the armed forces," he said.

The building of the ship started in the year 2021 following the award of a contract to Damen Shipyards Cape Town. The success of the project was ensured by an Armscor and SA Navy-represented high-performing Integrated Project Team (IPT) and critical support from local industry partners.

One of the defining features of Project Biro has been its strong emphasis on local industrial participation. The programme involved over 848 South African vendors, resulting in the creation of more than 1 000 direct and nearly 4 000 indirect jobs, supporting South Africa's shipbuilding sector and defence industrial base. These contributions align with national initiatives such as Operation Phakisa, the Defence Industrial Participation policy and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's localisation requirements.

Through the delivery of all three MMIPVs, Armscor has once again demonstrated its capability to manage complex defence acquisition projects. The vessels not only enhance the operational readiness of the SA Navy but also support broader national goals such as stimulating job creation, advancing local manufacturing and ensuring maritime security for economic growth.



Ms Angie Motshekga, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Vice Admiral Monde Lobese, Chief of South African Navy and Dr Alex Mahapa, Chairperson of Armscor Board during a media briefing at the Durban Naval Base.

“We trust that funding will be made available for additional vessels of this kind,” the Chairperson added, “as they are essential for protecting our coastlines, sustaining local industry and building a secure future for all South Africans.”

As SAS Adam Kok III officially joins the fleet, she carries with her a legacy of collaboration, local empowerment and strategic growth. Armscor remains committed to delivering innovative, fit-for-purpose solutions that enable the SANDF to fulfil its constitutional mandate and defend the sovereignty of the Republic.



NEW EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE BORDER PATROL



Armscor delivers body worn cameras and drones to aid Border Management Authority to ensure safety at ports of entry.

Armscor has once again demonstrated its acquisition prowess by procuring Axon body worn cameras and evidence management system as well as Evo Max 4T and 4N unmanned aerial systems, on behalf of the Border Management Authority (BMA). The handover of the body worn cameras, evidence management system and unmanned aerial systems came at a time when the BMA was preparing for the 2025 Easter holiday operations. These newly procured systems will enhance safety and security at ports of entry. They will serve as a deterrent and protect border officials against any form of abuse, by the public. Furthermore, conducting investigations, for incidents, will be completed faster and with greater accuracy.

Speaking at the demo event held at Ficksburg Border Post, on 4 April 2025, Mr Michael Nku, Executive Manager – Acquisition thanked the management of BMA for their patience and confidence in Armscor. He indicated that the body worn cameras and the unmanned aerial

systems will be integrated to complement one another. He also emphasised Armscor's commitment to ensure that other outstanding orders, to BMA, are delivered before the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Armscor is the acquisition agency for the South African Department of Defence. However, the Armscor Act no. 51 of 2003 makes provision for the Corporation, with the approval of the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, to procure defence matériel on behalf of any organ of state, at the request of the organ of state in question.

This collaboration will see Armscor using its decades of acquisition expertise to help BMA acquire state-of-the-art border surveillance and protection equipment to ensure safety and security at border posts. Additionally, the piloting of these body worn cameras and the unmanned aerial systems will assist the BMA to develop the policy that guide the use of body worn cameras in the workplace and unmanned aerial systems in operations.



Protechnik Laboratories retains its small-scale certification affirming its high standards of scientific integrity and quality assurance.

Protechnik Laboratories, a division of Armscor SOC Ltd, is proud to have retained its certification for the second time following the inspection by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Inspectorate. In the recent inspection that was concluded on 12 June 2025, it was confirmed that Protechnik Laboratories complies to article (III) and article (VI) of the Convention and peaceful use of industrial chemicals.

Protechnik Laboratories provides technical support to the South African Non-Proliferation Council on weapons of mass destruction to meet the obligations of the Convention. Part of the activities include the inspection of the single small-scale facility by the OPCW Inspectorate. The facility participates in international proficiency testing schemes to validate test methods to ensure their accuracy, competency and integrity.

To conduct the inspection, the OPCW assigned three inspectors, which were accompanied by eight personnel from the National Authority and four personnel from Protechnik Laboratories were directly involved in the inspection.

The inspection team commended the escort team and the facility (Protechnik Laboratories) representatives on the excellent cooperation with regards to supporting them with all inspection activities in order to achieve the aims and operational instructions of the inspection mandate.

Furthermore, access to documents as well as to the chemical and equipment inventories were promptly granted to the inspection team without any delays. All questions raised by the inspection team were satisfactorily clarified by the facility personnel in a timely manner. The inspection team also observed the storage cabinet for the complete inventory and the total quantity of the containers stored were consistent with the records.

A signed, detailed report of the audit was issued on the last day of the audit, which stated that the inspection team verified that Protechnik Laboratories is still consistent with the Facility Agreement. Furthermore, the inspection team also stated that there was no risk to the objective and purpose of the Convention posed by the relevant chemicals, characteristics of the facility and the nature of the activities carried out by the facility.

» ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE BENEFITS « MILITARY VETERANS



Mr Richard Hlophe, Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans officially opens the Mamelodi Micro Bakery as part of the Enterprise Development Initiative to benefit Military Veterans.

In a powerful display of collaboration and community empowerment, the Mamelodi Micro Bakery was officially launched on 15 May 2025 as part of a national initiative aimed at uplifting Military Veterans and their families through sustainable enterprise.

The project was born out of a proposal by the South African National Military Veterans Association (SANMVA) in partnership with Unemployed Need Transformation (UNT) and was formally approved and funded by Armscor in February 2025.

Gracing the event was Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Mr Richard Hlophe, who delivered the keynote address with a message of hope, gratitude, and renewed purpose. He highlighted the importance of socio-economic interventions for Military Veterans, with noting that these bakeries represent more than jobs — they represent new beginnings, economic inclusion, and the restoration of honour. “This initiative is more than just the opening of a bakery — it is a symbol of dignity restored, of lives being rebuilt, and of a future being baked, quite literally, by the very hands that once served and protected our country,” he said.

The Deputy Minister commended the leadership of Armscor for transforming words into action, stating, “Your support goes far beyond corporate responsibility. It is a lifeline to many who have long awaited meaningful inclusion in economic opportunities.”

In conclusion he encouraged the beneficiaries to look after this project. “To our Military Veterans — this is your time,” he emphasised. “May this bakery serve not only as a place of work but as a beacon of what is possible when we invest in people, purpose, and potential.”

Mr Raymond Vokwana, Chairperson of Armscor's Military Veterans Committee, outlined several efforts undertaken by Armscor to support Military Veterans and their dependants. These include the skills development programme, through which 25 dependants are currently receiving training in engineering fields at Armscor Dockyard.



Dr Alex Mahapa – Chairperson of Armscor Board reassures Armscor's commitment to use its limited resources to make a meaningful impact to society.

As the smell of fresh bread filled the air and tours of the bakery took place, one message stood clear: this is only the beginning. In his heartfelt vote of thanks, Dr Alex Mahapa, the Chairperson of Armscor's Board acknowledged the efforts of all stakeholders and reaffirmed a shared commitment to building a more inclusive and empowered future for South Africa's Military Veterans.

He further indicated their plans to expand this model to other communities, providing more veterans with the opportunity to become self-reliant and to contribute meaningfully to their local economies.

The event was attended by dignitaries from Armscor, SANMVA, UNT, local government, and community leaders. The atmosphere was one of celebration and reflection, with heartfelt testimonies from veterans who have already benefited from the initiative.

»» DOCKYARD COMPLIES WITH AIR QUALITY CONTROLS ««



Pump impeller casting at Armscor Dockyard Foundry Workshop.

Armscor Dockyard is proud to announce that, through a rigorous process that started in 2019, it has achieved an Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) status. This license is valid for five years, during which the Dockyard is committed to adhering to strict emission controls. The Air Quality Assurance Office of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) confirmed Armscor Dockyard compliance through site visits and Dockyard reporting.

The foundry workshop at Armscor Dockyard manufactures customised non-ferrous components, including pump impellers, ship propellers, sacrificial anodes, crests, and other parts used to repair or replace worn components in ship maintenance.

Casting components is a beneficial alternative to using more expensive manufacturing processes. However, the casting process is regulated as a "Listed Activity" due to the pollutants it produces. These include by-products emitted into the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and casting waste. Both emissions and waste are regulated under the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), respectively.

This achievement was made possible thanks to the efforts of the Dockyard's Safety, Health, and Environmental Compliance Office, in collaboration with the management of the Foundry Workshop.

Together, they successfully ensured that the casting process produces pollutant by-products within regulated limits. An independent environmental consultant evaluated, verified, validated, and reported on this process over a specified period.

Dockyard provides repair and maintenance services to the SA Navy on various configuration products systems from tugs, small craft, frigates and submarines. Services cover both planned and ad-hoc projects.

SECURITY SYMPOSIUM PAVE WAY FOR PEACEFUL AFRICA



Armacor delegation engages in meaningful conversations during Africa Security Symposium aimed at positioning the Corporation as a procurement agency of choice.

In its quest to expand its presence on the African continent, Armacor took part in the 12th Africa Security Symposium (ASEC2025), which was held from 10 - 12 June 2025, in the vibrant city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This prestigious event gathered a diverse array of participants and stakeholders committed to addressing the continent's security challenges.

Armacor secured a comprehensive package that included a 9-square-meter exhibition stand, extensive branding opportunities throughout the symposium, priority access to one-on-one meetings, and a listing on the official symposium website. This prominent visibility allowed Armacor to showcase South African Defence Industry and its capabilities, commitment to enhancing defence across Africa and to engage meaningfully with key stakeholders.

The event kicked off with a pre-symposium Defence Attaches Workshop, which delved into the evolving role of peace support operations in Africa. This workshop emphasised the importance of the African Standby Force and highlighted the essential support required from Member States to enhance its effectiveness.

ASEC2025 served as an unparalleled platform to shape Africa's security future, uniting the African Union and various global partners in a collaborative effort. The symposium attracted approximately 300 high-level delegates, encompassing government officials, business leaders, and representatives from non-governmental organisations. Together, they aimed to develop innovative solutions to some of the continent's most pressing security issues.

Throughout the symposium, participants had the opportunity to engage in influential plenary sessions, dynamic networking events, and personalised one-on-one meetings with both public and private sector representatives. These interactions facilitated discussions on innovative solutions, emerging technologies, and potential partnerships that could drive significant change in the realm of security.

ASEC2025 was hailed as Africa's premier platform for deal-making in the pursuit of security and stability.

The event actively addressed critical issues facing the continent through thematic panel discussions designed to foster audience engagement and encourage the sharing of transformative ideas.

Such collaborative efforts are essential for progressing toward a more secure and stable Africa, paving the way for future initiatives aimed at enhancing the continent's safety and resilience.

»» ARMSCOR TO SPREAD ITS WINGS IN WEST AFRICA ««



Armcor delegates hold several meetings with senior defence officers during the 2025 Synergy Safety, Defence and Security exhibition in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

As part of Armcor's marketing and business development strategy to consolidate its regional presence in West Africa and its commitment to advancing innovation and fostering international collaboration, the organisation attended and exhibited at the international trade show Synergy Safety, Defence and Security (SYSDEF 2025) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

This exhibition took place from 8 – 10 May 2025 at the Ouaga 2000 Conference Centre under the theme "Defence, Security and Civil Protection: challenges and innovative approaches for peaceful and prosperous territories". Armcor was invited by the Embassy of Burkina Faso to this edition, in recognition of its expertise and leadership in defence, technological innovation, and artificial intelligence applied to security. To share expertise, explore new opportunities for cooperation, and strengthen ties between Burkina Faso respective defence industries.

Armcor held several meetings with senior defence officers and prominent business leaders, who expressed significant interest in collaborating with Armcor in

supplying weapon systems to Burkina Faso. One of the significant meetings was with the Chief of General Staff of the Burkina Faso Armed Forces, Brig Gen Célestin Simporé, who requested Armcor to invite him to South Africa to have a follow-up discussion on how to improve business with South Africa.

The participation at SYSDEF2025 is indicative of Armcor continued presence on the continent as a truly African acquisition agency, which is committed to servicing the continent with best value for money military capabilities. It is also a visible signal that Armcor sees the huge potential in West Africa for sustainable defence trade.

SYSDEF is a major event organised since 2023 in Burkina Faso. International in scope, the show is aimed at professionals working directly or indirectly in the fields of defence, security, security and civil protection. The event was hosted under the High Patronage of H.E. Captain Ibrahim Traore, President of Burkina Faso and Supreme Commander of the National Armed Forces.



Armscor employees interact with learners about careers in the defence industry during the SAAF Museum Airshow held in Pretoria.

Armscor joined aviation enthusiasts, learners, and defence stakeholders at the South African Airshow that took place on 3 – 4 May 2025 at the Air Force Mobile Deployment Wing, Pretoria. This annual aviation airshow brought together thousands of aviation enthusiasts, learners and defence sector stakeholders for a weekend of thrilling aerial displays and interactive exhibitions.

In his opening address, the Chief of the South African Air Force (SAAF), Lieutenant General Wiseman Mbambo encouraged learners to be disciplined, focused, know God their creator, respect their parents and study hard. He told them that the Youth Development Programme (YDP) in the SAAF was formed because of the high number of unemployed youth in the country. It is his wish that more youth will be gradually be absorbed into SAAF training facilities. SAAF offers skills that youth will be able to build on. He further quoted Dr Nelson Mandela who once said “Youth is not about age, it is about courage to chase the dreams relentlessly.”



Armscor used this opportunity to demonstrate its technological capabilities and commitment to education through a well-received YDP stand. In keeping with its commitment to youth empowerment, Armscor promoted its bursary programme, aimed at encouraging learners pursuing studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Informative brochures, one-on-one engagement, and guidance on career pathways helped spark interest in STEM-related careers. Visitors, learners and members of the public, engaged with Armscor's representatives to learn more about Armscor's role in supporting the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) through advanced research, development and logistics.

General Mbambo concluded by saying, “as you go and visit exhibition area, ask as many questions as you can to get more information that will benefit you in a positive way. Go and dream big and release that powerful eagle inside of you.”

Armscor also extended its hospitality to key stakeholders, offering a comfortable space to network and enjoy the airshow in a relaxed setting. The hospitality area allowed for meaningful engagement with partners, while showcasing the organisation's professionalism and commitment to building strong industry relationships.

» A NEW SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD AT GEROTEK TESTING FACILITY



A Chinese bakkie set a new record at Gerotek Test Facilities.

Gerotek Test Facilities, a division of Armscor Research and Development, proudly hosted a remarkable achievement in vehicle endurance testing in May 2025. Chinese automaker JAC brought its latest T9 double-cab bakkie to Gerotek for a rigorous 24-hour test, and the results were historic.

The JAC T9 shattered a 15-year South African endurance record for commercial vehicles by covering an astounding 4 084km in 24 hours. This equates to an average speed of 170.1km/h, achieved on Gerotek's high-speed oval track outside Pretoria, Gauteng.

The event was spearheaded by South African adventurer and automotive content creator Mr Danie Botha, who was inspired by the excitement of IndyCar racing in the USA. "The idea was to have a bit of fun while giving the motoring public a glimpse into the thrilling world of endurance racing," said Mr Botha. "We unofficially attempted to break a 15-year-old record using just one T9 over 24 hours."

The previous endurance benchmark was held by Isuzu, which in 2010 took its KB300 TDi bakkie to 4 063km at an average speed of 169.3km/h – also at Gerotek. That effort had dethroned Toyota's earlier 2003 record of 3 818km in 24 hours with the Hilux.

This latest success further cements Gerotek's reputation as South Africa's premier automotive testing facility, where vehicle performance, safety, and durability are put

to the ultimate test under world-class conditions.

Gerotek offers a full suite of services, including component and vehicle testing, advanced driver training, corporate events, conferencing, and restaurant services, providing a unique and professional environment for clients from both the public and private sectors.

Armscor is proud to support and host groundbreaking moments in automotive innovation and performance, and we congratulate JAC on this achievement.



Gerotek offers advanced skidpan and dynamic handling tracks

» INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS BRINGS SHIFT TO EMPLOYEES' PERSPECTIVE «



Armcor employees engage in a meaningful dialogue regarding the role of internal audit in the organisation.

May is globally recognised as Internal Audit Awareness Month. Armcor marked the occasion with a targeted engagement aimed at repositioning Internal Audit (IA) as a strategic enabler of organisational value. The month culminated in an IA awareness day where the keynote address was delivered by the renowned governance and audit expert, Mr Mathabatha Julius Mojapelo, under the theme "From Checkbox to Catalyst: Repositioning Internal Audit for Real Impact."

Mr Mojapelo who is a Chartered Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor and former CEO of the Institute of Internal Auditors South Africa (IIASA), brought with him decades of experience from the public and private sectors. His message was clear: internal audit must evolve beyond traditional compliance functions and become a catalyst for foresight, resilience and value creation. "Internal audit is not just about ticking boxes — it's about guiding organisations toward better decisions, stronger governance and sustained impact," he told a captivated Armcor audience.

A Strategic Shift in Audit Perception

Hosted by Armcor's Internal Audit Division, the event was part of a broader awareness campaign aimed at educating employees about the value of internal audit beyond regulatory checklists. The keynote address focused on key themes including:

- The Three and Five Lines of Defence model
- The impact of Global Internal Audit Standards
- The evolving role of internal audit in stakeholder capitalism and governance
- The importance of professional scepticism and strategic foresight in today's risk environment

Mr Mojapelo used vivid analogies to reposition the audit function: if management is the driver, then internal audit is the dashboard; offering assurance, insight and course correction before risks materialise.

Achieving the Campaign's Goal

The goal of IA Awareness Month was to demystify the internal audit function, create meaningful dialogue across Armcor divisions and enhance understanding of IA's value in risk mitigation, ethical culture and operational improvement. Judging by engagement levels, feedback and participation in Slido-based interactive quizzes during the month of May and at the event, the campaign met its objective.

Furthermore, audience engagement, feedback and the dynamic interaction throughout the session, was clear that the initiative helped reposition IA as a valued business partner and not just a compliance watchdog. The conversations sparked during and after the session reflected a growing appreciation for IA's role in strategic decision-making.

The session inspired employees across Armscor to view IA not as a function of oversight, but as an ally in good governance, risk-informed decision-making and ethical leadership.

As Internal Audit Awareness Month concludes, Armscor reaffirms its commitment to embedding a strong audit culture aligned with global standards and national governance priorities. The shift from “checkbox” to “catalyst” is not just a slogan, it’s a mindset the organisation continues to adopt.

ARMSCOR ENGAGES STAKEHOLDERS AT RAND EASTER SHOW



Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Angie Motshekga amongst those who visited the Armscor stand at the Rand Easter Show.

Armscor proudly participated in this year’s Rand Easter Show, held from 17 - 21 April 2025 at the Johannesburg Expo Centre. The event offered a valuable platform for the Corporation to showcase its capabilities and engage with members of the public, especially young learners with a focus on promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and career opportunities in the defence sector.

The exhibition stand attracted a steady flow of visitors, including high school learners, educators and parents. The Armscor team showcased key capabilities, including the advanced research and development work currently underway. A highlight of the exhibition was Armscor’s dedicated outreach to learners pursuing STEM related subjects. A dedicated team from Armscor provided information about the bursary programmes, offering guidance on application requirements and encouraging

learners to consider careers in science, engineering, and technology.

Armscor’s presence at the Rand Easter Show reinforces its commitment to youth development and transformation. By engaging directly with learners, the Corporation is building an awareness of the critical role it plays in shaping South Africa’s future through innovation and defence technology. The learners showed enthusiasm and curiosity and most of them expressed their interest in Armscor’s bursary programme and the exciting opportunities the organisation offers.

Not only learners visited the Armscor stand. The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Angie Motshekga and Dr Alex Mahapa, Chairperson of Armscor Board were among those who make a turn at the Armscor stand to engage and interact with employees.



ARMSCOR REACH OUT TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT



Deserving learners in Ga-Rankuwa receive school uniform courtesy of Armscor's Corporate Social Investment initiative.

Armscor embarked on various community engagement programmes aimed at uplifting the socio-economic conditions of those in need. The Corporation partners with key entities to deliver much needed service to communities in need. In the quarter under review the following initiatives were implemented:

NZALO CAREERS ROADSHOW

Armscor partnered with Nzalo Careers to conduct a roadshow from 6 – 8 May 2025 in the Free State Province. The roadshow attracted participation from local schools bringing inspiration and opportunity to thousands of learners in Thaba Nchu, Botshabelo and Phuthaditjhaba. This dynamic career expo served as a critical platform to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing valuable exposure to career opportunities, and skills development.

Armscor continues to play a vital role in driving youth empowerment and education in under-privileged areas. This roadshow focused on equipping youth with information that enables them to make informed decisions about their future and take practical steps towards achieving their goals. The total number of 3 733 learners from 32 schools attended the career roadshow from the three regions.

COLLABORATION BRINGS HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED

As part of Armscor's ongoing commitment to building stronger communities, Armscor in collaboration with Legaeng Community Foundation donated food parcels,

school uniform and stationery to learners from disadvantaged backgrounds in Ga-Rankuwa, north of Pretoria. The aim was to alleviate the financial pressure faced by many families and to promote education by ensuring learners are well-equipped and motivated to attend school.

The Legaeng Community Foundation played an instrumental role in identifying beneficiaries and coordinating local support. This collaboration ensured that the donations reached the most deserving members of the community. The initiative is one of Armscor's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) projects aimed at fostering sustainable development, empowering communities, and reflecting the spirit of "ubuntu" in action.



Armscor urges learners to take careers in defence during the Nzalo careers roadshow.



Donation of 351 pair of school shoes by Armscor to encourage learners to attend school on a regular basis.

SOCIAL RELIEF SUPPORT BENEFITS RESIDENTS OF FREE STATE

In a continued effort to make a meaningful difference in the lives of South Africans, Armscor provided a social relief support for the elderly at the Jean Webber Home in Bloemfontein on 14 May 2025. Armscor provided funding for much-needed roof repairs and fuel supply for six months at Jean Webber House (old age home), ensuring a safer and more comfortable environment for its residents. This gesture forms part of Armscor's broader commitment to preserving the dignity and wellbeing of senior citizens in disadvantaged areas.

Furthermore, Armscor purchased 351 pair of school shoes for both primary and high schools' learners across Phuthaditjhaba through the organisation called Ntsonatsatsi Foundation. This intervention not only addressed a basic need but also reinforced the importance of education and school attendance, helping to restore pride and confidence among learners.

MINISTER'S OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Armscor supported the Minister's Outreach Programme held in Bloemfontein on 11 April 2025. This programme saw the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Angie Motshekga visiting Tjhebelopele Primary School to teach learners about the importance of being patriotic and the essence of being disciplined. The delegates then moved to the Tempe Military Base where the Minister addressed learners as part of career exhibition. About 1 500 learners from 20 schools gathered at the Tempe Military Base sports field to learn about careers and other opportunities available in the public sector.

Armscor used this platform to reaffirm its support to the Department of Defence and foster collaboration aimed at improving lives of learners. Furthermore, the Corporation displayed its research and development capabilities with the aim of enticing learners to choose careers in defence. Various arms of services and state-owned entities also shared information about youth development programmes.



The future of young learners takes centre stage as learners gather at Tempe Military Base, Bloemfontein.



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