

# DEFENCE SUPPLIERS FORUM MAIN MEETING

8 December 2020

## ATTENDEES

### Government

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP – Secretary of State for Defence  
Jeremy Quin MP – Minister for Defence Procurement  
Sir Simon Bollom – DE&S CEO  
Air Mshl Richard Knighton – DCDS (Mil CAP)  
Andrew Forzani – CCO  
Huw Walters – SPO ESP Director  
Damian Parmenter – SPO DSIS Review Director  
Daniel Drake – SPO EASP Head  
Lt Gen Richard Nugee – Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy Lead  
Jim Carter – SDA Commercial HQ Director  
Morag Stuart – DE&S Commercial Director General  
Mark Goldsack – Director Defence and Security Exports, Dept. for International Trade  
Keith Hodgkinson – Deputy Director Manufacturing Defence & Marine, BEIS  
Joanne Hamer – FMC StratProg IntandInd Policy Head  
Phil Hateley – FMC StratProg IICS-Int-AHCC  
David Coggins – DSF PMO TL  
Emma Baker-Webb – DSF PMO

### Industry

Charles Woodburn – CEO, BAE Systems  
Norman Bone – CEO, Leonardo UK  
Richard Franklin – MD, Airbus Defence and Space UK  
Chris Allam - MD, MBDA UK  
Peter Ruddock – CEO, Lockheed Martin UK  
Alex Zino – Director Business Development and Future Programmes, Rolls Royce  
Steve Murray, VP Strategy & Marketing, Thales UK  
Jeffrey Lewis, CEO & MD, Raytheon  
Jon Hall - MD Technology, Babcock  
Steve Wadey – CEO, QinetiQ  
Justin Walker – MD, Capita  
Tim Gibson – VP Defence and National Security, Fujitsu  
Rob Humphries, Business Development & Strategy Director, Marshall ADG  
Nick Chaffey – CEO UK and Europe, Northrop Grumman  
Martin Frederick – Corporate Director Civil Space Programs, Northrop Grumman  
Andrew Thomis – CEO, Cohort Plc  
Neil Timms – Senior VP Space Defence and Intelligence, CGI  
Adam Ogilvie-Smith – Director Innovation, S&T and Govt Relations, CGI  
Andrew Cowdery – Co-Chair, Defence Growth Partnership  
Paul Everitt – CEO, ADS

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

1.1. The Secretary of State for Defence, Ben Wallace MP, welcomed representatives from across MOD and Industry. He noted the recent financial settlement meant that Defence would be able to invest in the capabilities needed for the future.

1.2. The Secretary of State noted it was Paul Everitt's final Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF) Main meeting and thanked him for all of the support he had given to the department and the DSF over the years.

1.3. Charles Woodburn responded by congratulating MOD on the financial settlement and thanked Government and MOD for their support during COVID-19. He noted the DSF Executive Group had been incredibly helpful. Industry continue to recognise and monitor levels of fragility in the supply chain.

## **2. DSF EXECUTIVE GROUP UPDATE**

2.1. Sir Simon Bollom noted DSF activity and productivity increased during the first wave of COVID-19, and was well received across industry. It has created the closest and most productive relationship in memory. This additional value is being embedded into business as usual activity, and the energy has transcended into the DSF workstreams. Significant progress has been made across the workstream and starting now to see the rhetoric turning into action.

2.2. The scope of the DSF is also expanding with a new Digital Steering Group and will be picking up the Net Zero carbon emission challenge with a Climate Change and Sustainability sub group.

## **3. INTEGRATED REVIEW / SPENDING REVIEW / DEFENCE AND SECURITY INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY**

3.1. The Secretary of State highlighted that the Prime Minister announced ambitious modernisation of the Armed Forces including investment of some £16.5 billion above the manifesto commitment. This means MOD will spend over £24 billion extra over the next four years.

3.2. The Minister for Defence Procurement, Jeremy Quinn MP, highlighted the importance the multi year settlement. This investment will support skills, jobs and industry in all four nations of the UK and supports the Government's levelling up and prosperity agendas.

3.3. This includes a considerable commitment to R&D to prepare Defence for the warfare of the future.

3.4. The settlement is the first outcome of the Integrated Review (IR) and gives the financial certainty needed to turn ambitious modernisation programme into a reality.

3.5. It is also an opportunity to look at how UK Defence becomes more globally competitive.

3.6. The cross-governmental Defence and Security Industrial Strategy (DSIS) review is nearing completion and is aligned with the IR approach. It reflects the IR's greater focus on R&D and has examined MOD's approach to competition and value for money.

3.7. The IR will be published early in 2021.. Plans for DSIS publication are being considered.

3.8. We are best when we collaborate. Government welcomes Industry's continued engagement and input, particularly in support of initiatives to begin transformation of the relationship between MOD and industry. This is an opportunity to look at good practise and how we can work together more efficiently.

#### **4. EU TRANSITION PERIOD**

4.1. Over the last 12 months there has been a significant increase in dialogue between MOD and our Prime Suppliers. Analysis shows that suppliers feel the risks arising from EU Transition are manageable. There should be no immediate impact on delivery of Defence outputs.

4.2. As we move out of EU defence structures, Government remains committed to European security, and will continue to cooperate with friends and allies on shared threats and challenges. Government will continue to collaborate on a case-by-case basis with like-minded partners, including through our bilateral and small group partnerships.

#### **5. SUSTAINABILITY**

5.1. MOD's response to the government's Net Carbon 2050 challenge and to climate change and sustainability involves adapting equipment such that it is capable of operating in the climate changed world of 2050, and mitigation the effects of that equipment on the climate by reducing emissions and waste.

5.2. There is a great amount of support throughout UK industry for this broad and complex agenda; industry are committed to working with MOD to deliver a more sustainable and efficient Defence Enterprise. The DSF Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group will be an important part of establishing the mechanisms to make this happen.

#### **6. CLOSE**

6.1. The Secretary of State thanked all for their participation, recognising the value of the DSF and noted that there would be another DSF Main held early in the new year.