



FOREWORD - AMD CHAIRPERSON



As the premier marketing tool of the South African Defence Industry (SADI), this publication comes at a very interesting time in the existence of the SADI. Not only have there been sweeping changes inside South Africa but the world we live in has also been fundamentally changed.

Internally, the SADI has undergone dramatic transformations that have seen increased foreign ownership particularly in the form of the newly 'acquired' equity partners for some of the business units of the state owned DENEL Group of companies which constitute approximately 50% of the SADI's revenue base. Simultaneously, the SADI has increased its export- based revenue from just over 40% to 50% of its income thus enhancing its integration into the global defence supply chain.

This 'globalisation' phase of the SADI comes at the time when the world is coming to grips with the effects and implications of the global financial crisis and while the impact of this phenomenon on the defence market is yet to be understood, it is expected that the defence industry will not escape unscathed. It is our sincere hope therefore that this edition of the South African Defence Industry Directory (SADID) will reveal a resilient and innovative industry that has matured into a formidable and reliable supplier of world-class technologies and systems.

On behalf of the SADI and participants in this edition, I therefore present to you, our valuable clients – current and prospective, this 11th edition of the SADID and also thank all those who contributed to making it a resounding success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khapametsi Maleke', written in a cursive style.

Khapametsi Maleke

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