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# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

# WHAT ARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS?

**All ADS Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are formed of ADS Members and stakeholders with similar professional specialities. These Groups are designed to enable Members to network, seek out business development opportunities, learn, influence markets and stakeholders and keep up-to-date with current, related developments.**

All Groups deliver a diverse range of activities which are led by the Members and supported by ADS's Executive. ADS Member Companies can belong to any number of SIGs, with as many representatives from their businesses as they wish.

For more information on any ADS SIG and details of how to join, please visit the ADS website: [www.adsgroup.org.uk](http://www.adsgroup.org.uk) or contact the Membership team at: [Membership@adsgroup.org.uk](mailto:Membership@adsgroup.org.uk) or on 0845 872 3231.

Typical types of SIG activities include:

- **Professional networking**
- **Regular meetings**
- **Stakeholder engagement**
- **Site visits to operating facilities**
- **Regular e-bulletins featuring event previews, news and articles of interest**
- **Business development opportunities**
- **Preparation of responses to consultations**
- **Bespoke events**



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## AEROSPACE EXPORT FOCUS GROUP

### What is the Aerospace Export Focus Group?

The Aerospace Export Focus Group is a Member group which reviews and prioritises export programmes and opportunities in the Aerospace sector (both civil and military). Membership currently consists of a range of large, medium and SME sized companies.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

To provide strategic guidance to enable ADS Members involved in the Aerospace (civil and military) sector to win new business through the following deliverables:

- Identification of priority programmes/markets
- Identification of a two year programme (to be produced annually) of events to target priority opportunities
- Production of an annual international strategy document
- Identification of barriers that affect Members' ability to export and signposting to sources of help (support agencies, etc.)
- Identifying priority lists for invitation to major Aerospace events e.g. delegations for the Farnborough Airshow, buyers for Meet the Buyer Events, etc.

## AIRCRAFT INTERIORS GROUP (AIG)

### What is the Aircraft Interiors Group (AIG) Focus Group?

The Aircraft Interiors Group (AIG) is a Special Interest Group for ADS Members and stakeholders involved in the UK aircraft interiors sector.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The AIG provides a focal point for ADS Members who have interests in the aircraft interiors sector. With a priority focus on business development and promotion of the UK interiors capability, the group aims to identify market trends, raise awareness, inform, influence, engage and collaborate across all relevant stakeholders including governmental departments, trade bodies/clusters (foreign and domestic), design houses, manufacturers and research institutions.

Members of the group are invited to attend quarterly meetings arranged by the AIG Executive Committee, often hosted by organisations of interest within the sector, covering specific themes relevant to the host's capabilities. In addition to the excellent networking opportunities afforded to meeting attendees, specific business opportunities in the interiors market identified by ADS, such as tenders or government announcements are sent to group members to further promote business development.

## THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION & OFFSET GROUP (BIPOG)

### What is the British Industrial Participation & Offset Group (BIPOG)

BIPOG provides offset and countertrade-related advice and assistance to companies.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

BIPOG is a strategic partnership between the British Government (HMG) and UK companies relating to Offset, Countertrade and Industrial Participation (IP)-type policy issues, as well as on the British Government's own Defence & Security Industrial Engagement Policy (DSIEP), and general cooperation in support of UK exports and retention of indigenous capability. The BIPOG also seeks to provide advice and support to the Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF) and Defence

Growth Partnership (DGP) and their supporting groups, on Offset-type and IE matters. Its overall objective is:

*"To establish offset policies and processes for dealing with them, nationally and internationally, that helps to strengthen the UK's own industrial base."*

This includes the promotion of greater awareness within UK Industry and other stakeholders of the key issues arising from offset-like activities and policies, including visualisation of the offset process, and explanation of relevant terminology.

## BUSINESS ETHICS NETWORK (BEN)

### What is the Business Ethics Network?

The Business Ethics Network provides ethics-related advice and assistance to UK companies in the Aerospace, Defence and Security sectors. This encompasses not just standard bribery and corruption information, but also much wider issues which impact on business ethics and corporate social responsibility, such as human rights, anti-slavery, conflict minerals, data protection, tax evasion, diversity and inclusion, etc.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Network promotes the adoption of the highest possible business ethical standards in the international market, assisting and encouraging other participants to:

- Make a public statement of adherence to an internationally recognised code of conduct incorporating anti-corruption and wider business ethics measures
- Promote appropriate policy statements, codes of conduct, training and guidance to employees
- Share relevant information, experiences and materials for the benefit of all
- Take part in meetings to share up-to-date information and expertise

## THE CYBER, COMMAND, CONTROL, COMPUTING, COMMUNICATIONS & COUNTER INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY (C6I COMMUNITY)

### What is the C6I Community?

The C6I Community consists of industry and invited customer members, focusing on both domestic and export business and market development opportunities across the Cyber, Command, Control, Computing, Communications & Counter Intelligence domain.

The C6I Community receives details of government events and workshops, as well as business opportunities and tenders that may be of interest to members operating in these domains.

### What is the purpose of the Community?

The C6I Community informs stakeholders from Government and Industry (operational and supply) of relevant business opportunities to assist the development and procurement of Cyber, Command and Control, Communications, Computing and Counter-Intelligence products and services to the UK and international markets.

## CARBON MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (CMWG)

### What is the Carbon Management Working Group?

The Carbon Management Working Group's primary function is to promote and assist ADS Members in signing up to the Climate Change Agreement (CCA), where it is of benefit to them. With the reorganisation of the environmentally focussed committees following the creation of

ADS, the remit of this group has now expanded to include other Climate Change legislation such as the EU ETS, ESOS and CRC as well.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The group promotes Members' interests by examining progress towards meeting targets originally agreed with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC - now part of BEIS), and managed by the Environment Agency, as part of the management of the Aerospace Sectors Climate Change Agreements (CCA); developing an understanding of the European Emission Trading Scheme (EU-ETS), and other carbon emissions legislation such as the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC), and briefing Members on implications to them.

The Group works on behalf of ADS Members by establishing a position on consultations and issues and lobbying government and agencies.

The Carbon Management WG is also working towards collating the amount of energy consumed by company facilities in order to track and promote the carbon efficiency of the ADS Member sectors.

For the agreements starting in April 2013, the final target set by DECC for this sector was 12.2% reduction in relative energy efficiency terms to be achieved by 2020, and was subject to a review in 2016. In managing the CCAs with group members, ADS charges a fee equal to 4% of the annual Climate Change Levy discount received by members, and an agreed management procedure is followed.

## CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL RADIOLOGICAL NUCLEAR (CBRN UK)

#### What is the CBRN-UK Special Interest Group?

CBRN-UK is the national supplier organisation representing UK industry's CBRN capability to government, emergency responders, the military

and Critical National Infrastructure operators. CBRN-UK is the one place to turn to when customers need advice and knowledge; one impartial advisor to trust for all your CBRN needs.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The group represents the full spectrum of suppliers, from large multi-nationals to SMEs and academic start-ups. The aim of CBRN-UK is to act as a focal point to represent the interests of its members to domestic and international government and other organisations or companies concerned with the CBRN sector of business. CBRN-UK provides:

- A gateway to the UK's CBRN industry for national and international customers
- A focus for UK Government Departments to turn to when seeking an industrial view when formulating policy in the CBRN field and a focal point for industry to represent its views to HMG
- A co-ordinating function to communicate with overseas governments and organisations concerned with CBRN equipment or service area and which HMG can utilise to host incoming delegations
- Forums in which members and observers can discuss, in confidence, CBRN issues of mutual interest
- Opportunities for members to participate in shared marketing activities
- Opportunities for business-to-business networking
- Opportunities for informed speakers to address members on current and appropriate issues concerned with the CBRN environment

## COUNTER-IED UK

#### What is the Counter-IED UK Group?

Delivering integrated solutions based on British excellence to counter the IED threat.

Representing the UK's Counter-IED supply chain

and collaborating with Her Majesty's Government, British Army and security forces, Counter-IED UK delivers integrated solutions to enable partners to counter the threat of IEDs. Working in line with the NATO Doctrine stated Lines of Operation: Attack the Network, Prepare the Force and Defeat the Device and delivering a depth of operational Understanding and Intelligence, Counter-IED UK can deliver integrated solutions tailored to customer needs.

The UK Counter-IED Industrial base has earned worldwide respect through over 40 years of experience of working alongside our government colleagues to deliver capability. We understand the threats and partner with government agencies to define requirements. We can then measure against a dynamic, UK Counter-IED database to identify system of system options, capability gaps and choice of suppliers. We listen and work with customers to analyse the threat and assess existing capability. We present options for an End to End Capability (E2EC) with a timeline for delivery and an integration plan to deliver the maximum effect.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

Counter-IED UK exists to generate opportunities for better business for its members, in the UK and international markets. By collaborating with relevant stakeholders in government, we secure a joint role in the planning of procurement, innovation and partnering. We establish a strong and unified presence in the Defence and Security markets in order to maximise the branding, activity and relationships for Counter-IED UK members and the value proposition to future customers of our End to End Capabilities.

Membership:

- Presents opportunities for new business opportunities
- Delivers the values of a focused group for the UK Counter-IED supply chain
- Enables pre-procurement networking within the group, with relevant decision makers and influencers in UK government and with overseas customers

- Generates opportunities for a joint presence at events
- Delivers a strong marketing message for Counter-IED UK, including individual member company material
- Communication channel from the member through to relevant stakeholders
- Regular, relevant information from the market to the members
- Provides genuine influence for all members across the national and international Defence and Security sectors – a representative voice

## COVERT TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS FORUM (CTS F)

#### What is the Covert Technology Suppliers Forum (CTS F)?

The CTSF supports ADS Members who have products or services in the covert and surveillance arenas, including detection, interception, jamming and counter measures.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Group holds four meetings a year designed to discuss current developments and opportunities in the marketplace. Key stakeholders are also invited to the meetings, providing members with valuable networking opportunities. The Group also hosts its own specialist events.

## DEFENCE EXPORT VIRTUAL GROUP (DEVG)

#### What is the Defence Export Virtual Group?

Membership of the DEVG is open to any ADS Member Companies. This is a wide Consultation Group of ADS Members who have asked to be

regularly consulted by ADS on its export-related activities, and who are expected to respond to at least once a year to the consultations which are put to them if they wish to remain on the DEVG. If a Consultation Group Member fails to respond to any consultations that have been put to them throughout the year, then their continued presence on the Consultation Group will be reviewed. The DEVG works in parallel to the Defence Export Strategy Group (DESG), and really active Members of the DEVG who have been constructive in responding to consultations put to them will be considered for Membership of the DESG as and when any vacancies arise on that Group.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The objective is to provide strategic guidance to ADS to enable its Members involved in the defence export sector to identify and pursue responsible new business opportunities in a way which has enhanced effectiveness. This is to be achieved in partnership with the Defence & Security Organisation (DSO), Defence Growth Partnership (DGP) and Defence Solutions Centre (DSC).

## DIGITAL MANUFACTURING GROUP

#### What is the Digital Manufacturing Group?

'Industry 4.0' or 'Digital Factory' and related concepts are hot topics in the manufacturing industry at present. In summary, these terms refer to a paradigm shift based on cyber-physical production systems that combine ICT, data and physical elements, including the workforce. When broken down, Industry 4.0 involves developing and integrating a number of existing, emerging and disruptive technologies, such as

- Cloud computing
- Cyber security
- Big data and analytics

- Robotics and autonomous systems
- Augmented and virtual reality
- Novel manufacturing techniques such as 3D printing
- Gaming technology and simulation
- Industrial internet of things

The desired outcome from adopting these technologies is to increase productivity and competitiveness through integrated, automated and optimised production flows. Emergent outcomes are significantly different relationships between designers, suppliers, manufacturers, integrators and customers, as well as between humans and machines, and the huge implications for future skills in manufacturing.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The purpose of the SIG is three-fold:

- To further the industry's understanding of Industry 4.0
- To identify and share best practice in order to help manufacturing and service organisations to implement the concepts that are appropriate to them
- To represent industry before UK Government on the direction of the digitalisation agenda, to secure the support that the industry needs in order to maximise the opportunities.

## DRONE PLATFORM AND COUNTER-DRONE

#### What is the Drone Platform and Counter-Drone (DPAC) Special Interest Group?

The Drone Platform and Counter-Drone (DPAC) Special Interest Group is for ADS Members who are engaged in or have an interest in all aspects of remote control and autonomous platforms operating across the land, sea and air environments, including build and operational technology, legislation, training, and countermeasures. As the systems approach also includes operational use and payloads, the group

interacts with a wide range of stakeholders across industry and Government, as well as other Special Interest Groups within ADS.

#### What is the purpose of the DPAC Special Interest Group?

This Special Interest Group acts as a forum for members to:

- Engage in business to business and pre-procurement networking
- Act as an industry reference group for the autonomous systems supply chain
- Identify and cooperate on business opportunities to the public and private sectors
- Act as focal point for engagement with Government regulators
- Shape national and international policy, legislation and standards
- Interact with other relevant SIGs such as CBRN, Counter-IED, C6I, Land and Maritime
- Interact with wider community such as NATEP, UCLan, UAVS Association, Royal Aeronautical Society

## ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

#### What is the Environmental & Sustainability Working Group?

The ADS Environmental & Sustainability Working Group, originally a special interest group of the Sustainable Aerospace Board, is now an autonomous group providing the checks and balances which ensure that the outcomes of the three environmental sub-groups (Carbon Management, Design for Environment and HazMat), reflect the broader interests of ADS members as a whole. It has also recently taken on some of the responsibilities of the, now defunct, Sustainable Aerospace Board.

#### What is the purpose of the Group?

The ADS Environmental & Sustainability Working Group's principal objective is to help ADS Members understand how environmental issues may impact their businesses. It also provides a forum to:

- Coordinate, communicate and promote authoritative information
- Share and promote best practice
- To engage with stakeholders on environmental issues and regulation affecting the aerospace, defence, security and space sectors
- Provide a coordinated ADS response to UK and European environmental legislation, and consultations on environmental legislation, when they are likely to impact on one or more of the industry sectors of ADS Members
- Support ADS liaison with Government departments, regulators and representatives of other industry sectors including ASD, as required, to lobby on behalf of the aerospace, defence, security and space sectors
- Advise and report to the four ADS Sector Boards on pertinent environmental issues
- Liaise on other ADS initiatives as appropriate

## EXPORT GROUP FOR AEROSPACE, DEFENCE & DUAL-USE (EGADD)

#### What is the Export Group for Aerospace, Defence and Dual-Use (EGADD)

The Export Group for Aerospace, Defence and Dual-Use (EGADD) is a not-for-profit-making special interest industry group, founded in September 2004, focusing exclusively on all aspects of export and trade control matters. EGADD is the only dedicated national industrial body in the UK dealing exclusively with export control issues. EGADD operates under the joint auspices of the ADS, British Marine, the British Naval Equipment Association (BNEA), the Society of Maritime Industries (SMI), and techUK. For further information please visit: [www.egad.org.uk](http://www.egad.org.uk)

### What is the purpose of the Group?

To provide a range of export control-related products and services, including:

- Reliable information concerning export and trade control issues
- A forum for discussion and education
- Sharing of information and experiences

Lobbying Government for and on behalf of the Membership. Experts from the Executive Committee are able to undertake free informal compliance advisory visits, to assist in framing effective compliance procedures. A dedicated website identifies potential sources of help and ideas for problem solving and presents easy steps to "bite-sized compliance". EGADD has also created, with Cranfield University, a series of externally-accredited training courses in export control compliance.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WORKING GROUP (HAZMAT)

### What is the Hazardous Material (HazMat) Working Group?

The Hazardous Material (HazMat) Working Group was originally set up to manage the issues surrounding the REACH chemicals directive in order to prevent The Environmental & Sustainability Working Group meetings being swamped by discussions on REACH. The remit of this group has now expanded to include other hazardous materials legislation.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Hazardous Material (HazMat) Working Group assists ADS Members in managing the risks associated with hazardous substances to coordinate, communicate and promote authoritative information exchange. It gives early warnings, coordinating responses and positioning. It briefs members through workshops, webinars and briefings through the ADS website and other media.

It is involved in guidance formation for supply chain communication on REACH / RoHS / CLP / POPs, etc. The Group also builds relationships with regulators and legislators (BEIS, HSE, MPs, MEPs, ECHA, EC, CAA/EASA, etc.) and works with other groups such as ASD, AIA, BCF, SEA, IAEG, etc., on hazardous substances to stakeholders informing on regulatory compliance and risks that affect the aerospace, defence and security sectors. The HazMat Working Group also covers changes in legislation and conventions where they could have a material effect on the industry. This includes impact on the use or availability of substances and mixtures. It also includes impact on the measures needed for their use.

Examples in scope include ATEX Directive / DSEAR changes, Seveso Directive / COMAH changes, Biocides Regulation changes / updates. Health and Safety legislation unrelated to chemicals or mixtures is specifically out of scope.

## THE HIGH POWER RADIO FREQUENCY FORUM

### What is the High Power Radio Frequency Forum?

The HPRFF is a special interest group for organisations with a particular interest or involvement in the HPRF environment. Areas of interest include: Defence & Security, Communications (terrestrial & space), Medical, Scientific and others.

### What is the purpose of the Forum?

The aim of the HPRFF is to represent members and generate opportunities for better UK and international business through a joint role in planning with Her Majesty's Government and other relevant bodies, to further strengthen a presence in the market through effective branding, activity and relationships.

## INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

### What is the Infrastructure Group?

The Infrastructure Group is a Special Interest Group for organisations with a particular interest or involvement in the Ministry of Defence's estate.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Infrastructure Group exists to develop links between the Ministry of Defence's capability provision and relevant infrastructure business opportunities, including partnering arrangements. The Group has been closely engaged with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and its Next Generation Estates Contracts project.

## LAND INTEREST GROUP

### What is the Land Interest Group?

The Land Special Interest Group is for organisations with a particular interest or involvement in the land defence environment.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Land Special Interest Group provides an interface for ADS Member companies with the end customer, specifically the British Army and the Defence Equipment & Support Organisation (DE&S). Members of the group are able to attend a number of land focused events, which include an annual Land Industry Symposium, a series of Land Capability Industry Days, and 'Fireside Chats' with Army HQ seniors. Specific business opportunities in the land environment, such as tenders or government announcements, are also sent to group members.

## MARITIME INTEREST GROUP (MIG)

### What is the Maritime Interest Group (MIG)?

The Maritime Special Interest Group is for organisations with a particular interest or involvement in the maritime defence environment.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The Maritime Special Interest Group provides ADS Members with an understanding of the end user in the maritime defence environment, specifically the Royal Navy. Members of the group are able to attend a number of maritime focused events, including an annual Maritime Capability Industry Day, group meetings with seniors from across the Royal Navy's portfolio, and external maritime events supported by ADS. Specific business opportunities in the maritime environment, such as tenders or government announcements, are also sent to group members.

## METALLIC MATERIALS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (MMSIG)

### What is the MMSIG?

The group is formed primarily of members of the BSI ACE/61 committee – Metallic Materials for Aerospace Purposes, who are material specialists, employed by the UK aerospace companies or material suppliers or are independent consultants. Many of the committee members are sponsored by ADS and are chairs of the various ACE/61 sub-committees.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The MMSIG reports to the Engineering Standards Committee (ESC) on new or revised National and International metallic material and process standards, including the relevant parts of Def. Stan. 00-970 and Def. Stan. 07-85; along with

those standards that are being withdrawn and may impact on ADS aerospace standards. A watching brief is also maintained on the relevant activities associated with IHS ESDU and Nadcap.

To maintain and update as directed by the ESC the following ADS Technical Standards:

TS 95 ADS Recommendations for Metallic Material Specifications to be Used in New Designs.

TS 96 Metallic Materials – Tables of Similar Specifications.

TS 260 Metallic Materials – Lists of Alternative Material Standards only authorised for use of ADS Standard Parts.

To provide a focus for domain stakeholder requirements, to the mutual benefit of all parties.

## THE NEW PROFESSIONALS FORUM (NPF)

### What is the New Professionals Forum?

The New Professionals Forum (NPF) is a networking and professional development forum for industry professionals new to the Aerospace, Defence, Security and Space sectors.

### What is the purpose of the Forum?

The New Professionals Forum provides ADS Members with the opportunity to help new starters navigate the broad landscape of support networks and initiatives available to them outside of their companies. The forum hosts senior keynote speakers, panel sessions with industry experts, professional development workshops, site tours and market stalls, at special events hosted by ADS member companies. The forum also helps guide members to various external initiatives, institutes and groups through an open hub on the ADS website.

## NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (NDTSIG)

### What is the Non-Destructive Testing Special Interest Group (NDTSIG)?

The NDTSIG is a Special Interest Group which was established to assist Member companies to promote and retain the highest levels of inspection proficiency and reliability in aerospace NDT with optimum commercial efficiency.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

To work towards harmonisation of NDT practices and procedures. The Group will review on-going and new developments in aerospace NDT in all areas. The Group will engage in correspondence to clarify issues and make representations to relevant organisations to protect the integrity of aerospace NDT when it is considered to be under threat. The group will provide a forum where all and any issues relating to NDT within the UK and provide warning of NDT issues that may affect the manufacture, operation, cost or safety of aircraft.

## NORTHERN IRELAND DEFENCE AND SECURITY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (NIDSSIG)

### What is the Northern Ireland Defence and Security SIG?

The Northern Ireland Defence and Security Special Interest Group (NIDSSIG) is made up of Northern Ireland companies and organisations in the Defence and Security sectors.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The main purpose of the group is to grow the Defence and Security Industry in Northern Ireland.

## NORTHERN IRELAND SPACE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (NISSIG)

### What is the Northern Ireland Space Special interest Group (NISSIG)?

The NISSIG is made up of Northern Ireland companies and organisations with an interest in the Space sector.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The main purpose of the group is to grow the Space sector in Northern Ireland.

## SC21 PARTNERS AND PRACTITIONERS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (P&P SIG)

### What is the SC21 Partners and Practitioners Special Interest Group (P&P SIG)?

SC21 is an improvement programme designed to accelerate the competitiveness of the aerospace and defence industry and support the needs of the 21st Century.

The group acts to help the SC21 Project Office with the SC21 Partners and Practitioners' governance.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The aim of the group is to be the main support to the activities of the SC21 Project Office regarding the Partners and the Practitioners, from promotion of the programme, recruitment, trainings, evaluation and their approval, including their transfer, revalidation or lapse of their licenses. These tasks need to be achieved in the light of impartiality and ethics, avoiding the conflicts of interest.

## SC21 PERFORMANCE, DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY (PDQ) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### What is the SC21 Performance, Development and Quality (PDQ) Special Interest Group?

SC21 is an improvement programme designed to accelerate the competitiveness of the aerospace and defence industry and support the needs of the 21st Century.

The group acts to support the implementation of the SC21 programme at an Operations Level, in particular to undertake activities related to the maintenance of the SC21 Development, Performance, Quality and Relationship.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The group acts as the focal point for all Development, Performance, Quality and Relationship Excellence work under the 21st Century Supply Chain (SC21) programme.

It ensures that the performance, development, quality and collaboration guidelines for implementing supply chain performance improvement are successfully implemented across the supply chain.

The group activity includes the governance of toolkits such as Business Excellence,

Manufacturing Excellence, Relationship Excellence, and ensures that Quality and Delivery Performance Indicators are valuable for Industry.

## SECURITY EXPORT FOCUS GROUP (SEFG)

### What is the Security Export Focus Group?

The SEFG was created to help ADS Members export more widely across world markets. The UK is regarded as a centre of excellence in the field of police, military and security products, as well as in consultancy and training, and a world leader in many of these areas. The SEFG provides UK businesses the opportunity to further enhance the UK's exporting capability to positive effect.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The SEFG's principal aim is to enhance the export performance of Member companies by providing a forum to assist in all export matters, introduce companies to new markets and develop the international events programme. The Group also provides excellent international networking opportunities with a programme of invited stakeholder events and is vital in assisting UK companies to maximise the effectiveness of UK DIT DSO support.

## SECURITY IN COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS GROUP (SCEG)

### What is the Security in Complex Environments Group?

SCEG was appointed as the UK Government's Industry Partner for the regulation of Private Security Companies and providers on 21 June 2011.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

SCEG supports the Government in the transparent regulation and accreditation of companies which operate in the sector, promoting professional standards and industry best practice. SCEG is governed by an Executive Committee made up of representatives from across the industry, from large multinationals to smaller specialists, and from the FCO. It has a non-Executive Chairman, selected by the Executive Committee, who has a strong track record within the industry, and a Director who is responsible for the day to day running of the Group.

## SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT WORKING GROUP (SPWG)

### What is the Sustainable Procurement Working Group (SPWG)?

The SPWG is a joint MOD/Industry forum for the department and its suppliers to consider jointly how best to embed Sustainable Procurement into both purchaser and supplier business practices. The group is co-chaired by industry and MOD representatives.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The aim of the Sustainable Procurement Working Group is to allow the MOD and its suppliers to work on Sustainable Procurement issues collaboratively, sharing methods of best practice, areas for further work and the planning of Sustainable Procurement events. The group produces collaborative documents relating to Sustainable Procurement, which are available to all ADS Members who have joined the group's shared area on the ADS website.

## SYSTEMS & EQUIPMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SESIG)

### What is the Systems & Equipment Special Interest Group?

The Systems & Equipment Special Interest Group (SESIG) is a group for ADS Members and stakeholders involved in the UK systems and equipment sector.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

The SESIG provides a focal point for ADS Members who have interests in the systems and equipment sector, serving as a central point within ADS for policy matters associated with the sector. The group influences and advises the ADS Council and Boards, as well as other relevant groups and the wider ADS Membership on SESIG activity. The group represents the interests of the sectors through engagement, liaison, and co-ordination with other relevant forums and bodies including, but not limited to, ASD, IAWG, EqIMG, KTNs & academia. The group provides input to government initiatives and consultations as required, whilst also assisting members to identify key points (and routes) of influence and to deliver a common voice on business issues and priorities. The group aims to be recognised as a strong advocate of the UK aerospace systems and equipment supply networks; its capabilities and its important contribution to the UK's competitive position, employment and the wider economy, whilst also positioning UK capabilities for international export opportunities.

## THROUGH LIFE SERVICE GROUP (FORMERLY MROL)

### What is the Through Life Service Group?

The Through Life Service Group provides a forum for developing strategy, consensus, advice and

industry best-practice to ensure MRO, logistics and complementary services develop competitive through-life service-based solutions across commercial and defence aerospace and aviation.

Organisations from OEMs to SMEs involved in providing on-going maintenance, logistics and support, aerospace & aviation operations, and after-market services will have a particular interest in this group; interest from complementary or related organisations is also extremely welcome.

### What is the purpose of the Group?

- Build on the existing Maintenance Repair Overhaul and Logistics activity and identify opportunities for the UK
- Define what servitization really means and raise awareness of servitization across a broader community
- Understand the UK market and identify where are the gaps and opportunities
- Provide thought leadership to members on the opportunities servitization can bring
- Facilitate the development of a more service-based UK industry as distinct from businesses providing 'spot' products and services
- Identify and develop opportunities to provide service offerings into international markets
- Understand the regulatory environment in which servitization must operate
- Focal point for engagement and liaison

## TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP

### What is the Tokyo 2020 Olympics Industry Working Group?

This working group leverages the ADS Security and Resilience sector engagement with both the Department for International Trade, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Home Office International Cooperation and Development Team, to ensure that the Japanese officials responsible

for securing the 2020 Olympics are aware of the UK industrial offer. These both build on UK suppliers' experiences and offerings to secure the London 2012 Olympics, as well as ensuring awareness of more recent market innovations.

#### **What is the purpose of the Group?**

Suppliers participating in the working group will have the opportunity, where appropriate, to engage with inward delegations from the Japanese authorities, and receive guidance and support to position themselves in the Japanese security market.

## **TRAINING AND SIMULATION INDUSTRY GROUP (TASIG)**

#### **What is the Training and Simulation Industry Group (TASIG)?**

The Training and Simulation Industry Group is for organisations with a particular interest or involvement in the training and simulation environment. The group provides a proactive and relevant network of UK industrial expertise including Front Line Command, MOD and DE&S personnel to influence and shape the global training and simulation environment and its associated sectors.

#### **What is the purpose of the Group?**

The purpose of the Group is to raise awareness, inform, influence, engage and collaborate across all relevant Government and private sector stakeholders in training and simulation. The group covers all areas of UK Defence capability, and holds briefings at which key seniors from training and simulation customers, brief members on their respective issues and portfolios.

## **UK INDUSTRY NATO FORUM (UKINF)**

#### **What is UK Industry NATO Forum (UKINF)?**

UKINF is a forum, for those within the defence industry to discuss business opportunities and strategic engagement with NATO.

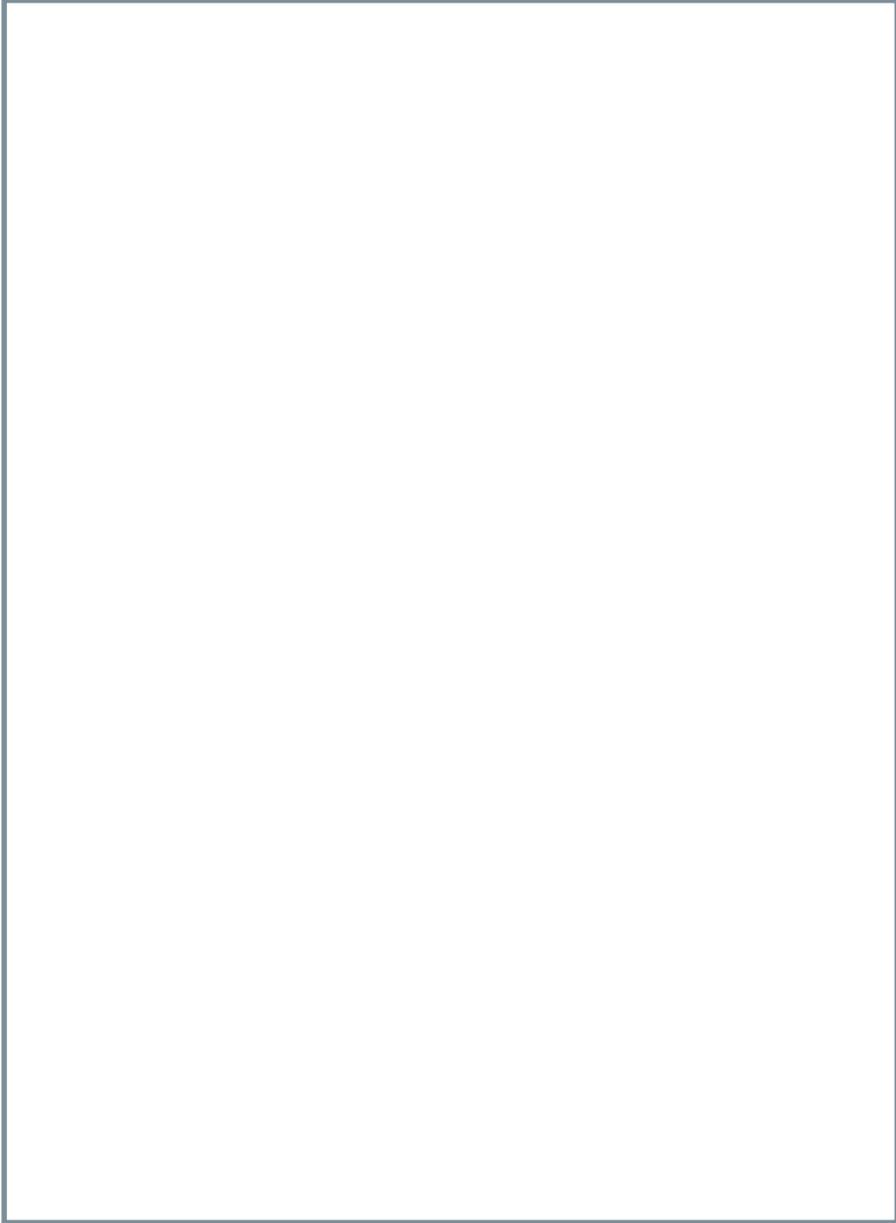
#### **What is the purpose of UKINF?**

UKINF meets several times a year to provide updates on NATO business opportunities and agree UK industry positions ahead of meetings of the NATO Industrial Advisory Group.

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