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Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2018!

As the Defence sector closes on another sprint finish for the year end, we will look back on 2018 as a year of success, monumental change and major achievements. Our businesses, generally, have had an excellent year winning new business and seriously adding huge value to the UK economy. Of course we still have major challenges – Brexit; productivity; skill shortages and coping with a less than diverse workforce. The DGP is now, more than ever, providing a mechanism to meet those challenges jointly whether in market analysis, key market engagement, innovation challenges, skills development or strengthening our value chain.

I am delighted to say that Philip Dunne has now been appointed as Deputy Chair of the DGP. Philip's knowledge and experience in this sector is appreciated throughout the defence industry. The DGP welcomes this appointment and we are looking forward to working with Philip to further enhance the capabilities of the DGP. As we have seen from Philip's recent review on 'Growing the Contribution of Defence to UK Prosperity' there are many areas where Defence is a key contributor throughout the industrial landscape. We have to act together to strengthen our offering further to meet the competitive challenges we face

I wish all of you and your families a happy, peaceful and relaxing festive period. All the very best for the new year.

See the Gov.uk press release from our Innovation Challenge Winners Announcement here!

Monthly Progress Update

Skills

The preparations for the inaugural cohort of the DEEP eMBA are well underway and delegates are in the process of on-boarding with Cranfield University. There are still places available notably on the PG Certificate course, and DGP Affiliates are being invited to a briefing session to encourage participation. The Governance model developed to manage all of the DGP Skills programmes, DEEP eMBA, PG Certificate and Semap was approved by the Steering Board and will sit before Christmas.

In addition, the DGP Steering Board were briefed on 8th November about the skills agenda proposed by Leonardo as the new Chair of the DGP Skills group, to be followed up by a workshop in Quarter 1 of 2019.

If you are interested in joining the Defence Enterprise Export Programme, please **get in touch!**

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Value Chain Competitiveness

Following the successful Value Chain Competitiveness London Workshop hosted on the 6th of November we have partner agreement to move forward and involve a selection of the Defence value chain to test the proposed VCC Framework. Early in 2019 working groups will be set up to resolve outstanding issues and test the robustness of delivery and application of the improvement framework with identified supply chain partners and get their feedback on the improvement process. This will mature the process and allow the development of deployment plan for the Defence value chain.

Monthly Progress Update

UKDSC

Overall, November saw progress across a variety of UKDSC activities and deliverables, further details of which can be found below. There were also a number of successful engagements in the period with the UKDSC CEO Mark Barclay meeting with various industry, government and international stakeholders. For example, he spent two days at the start of the month meeting with the BAE Systems teams based at Warton and Samlesbury, the highlight of which was his half day spent at the Academy for Skills and Knowledge (ASK) centre where he met staff members and apprentices. He also met supported and international engagement with two UKDSC colleagues which resulted in several positive stakeholder meetings. In between these activities he updated the DGP Steering Committee as to UKDSC status whilst also hosting DGP member representatives at the Farnborough facility.

The **Market Intelligence Cell (MIC)** is nearing the end of the Implementation Phase of its Shared Information Space (SIS). The Implementation Phase runs until end December 2018; with full operating capability planned to commence on 1st January 2019. Several user group sessions have been held across government and industry; detailed client needs, and requirements have been discussed and will now be acted upon. The MIC is now in the process of implementing this feedback and further enhancing the SIS in time for the full operating capability in the New Year. Currently, the SIS has 224 users across government and industry and the MIC team remains on-track to expand that to around 250 users by end 2018. The MIC also continues to undertake extensive research for DIT-DSO and provide continued support to the sDSO teams. Finally, the MIC welcomed a new secondee in November: Abi McGhie from MBDA. We also welcome a full-time member of staff, Alasdair Bray as a Research Assistant on 3rd December.

Our CEO, Mark Barclay, has visited an international market along with David Wotherspoon and Andy Love. This visit was a significant moment – the team spoke at a forum of over 200 businesses at an international Aerospace show, a great opportunity. The event seeks to encourage deeper dialogue and collaboration in innovation, with a view to strengthening industrial ties.

Ian Draper recently visited the International Fighter Conference in Berlin. The conference was well attended and provided a wealth of information on European fighter aspirations and development as well as a series of briefings from NATO and other nations on the emerging future air combat environment.

Members of the Capability Team also conducted a visit to another international market engaging with representatives of UK industry in country, research establishments and the UK Embassy teams.

The **Capability Team** have been working on a series of briefings and meetings with many stakeholders. Activities include working to refine the India strategy with DSO / sDSO and working with sDSO on future market opportunities. We continue to work with departments of state and front line commands to understand their perspectives and needs. The last month has seen engagements with SMEs, academia, military units and DGP partners as well as NATO and other overseas delegations. We have welcomed new staff from Boeing and Thales and they are rapidly getting up to speed.

December looks equally busy, with a huge range of planned engagements in support of improving UK defence exports.

The **Innovation Team** in partnership with the MOD held the DGP Innovation Challenges Capability proving launch event at the IET in London, where Min DP announced the winners of this competition. This was attended by representatives from the MOD, BEIS, and Industry, in all nearly 100 people attended. In support of the 2nd CSIF theme “High Altitude Intelligence”, the innovation team have produced a white paper to support a workshop on this at the Defence Innovation networking event on the 28th November. Finally, the team attended a number of conferences during the period.

For more information and the latest updates, visit the [UKDSC Website](#).

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s-DSO

November has been a busy month for us as we continue working on our country strategies. We continue to report on individual strategy progress at the fortnightly DGP Operations Board and specifically for this month, the DGP Steering Committee which was held on 8th November.

For more information and the latest updates, visit the [DIT-DSO Website](#).