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## **MBDA appoints Chris Allam as MBDA UK Managing Director**

MBDA is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Allam to the role of MBDA UK Managing Director and to MBDA's Group Executive Committee. The appointment will become effective on 1 January 2018. He replaces Dave Armstrong who is leaving MBDA at the end of 2017 to join BAE Systems' newly formed Air Sector as Director, Europe and International.

As Managing Director of MBDA UK, Chris will be the senior representative of MBDA in the UK and lead the top level relationships between MBDA and the UK customer and industrial community.

Chris joins MBDA from BAE Systems where he is the Managing Director Future Programmes and Services, and Engineering Director for the Military Air and Information Business.

Chris has worked for BAE Systems since 1988. He is a Graduate of the University of Hertfordshire where he gained a BEng in Aeronautical engineering. Chris is also a Fellow of both the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Antoine Bouvier, Chief Executive Officer of MBDA, commenting on the appointment said: "I wish Dave every success in his new role with our BAE Systems Shareholder and would like to thank him for his personal and decisive contribution to the success of MBDA and its predecessor company."

"Dave has worked for MBDA since 1984 and has held a number of critically important positions; most recently as Meteor Programme Director and since March 2015, as MBDA UK Managing Director, Executive Group Director Technical and for the past 12 months Executive Group Director for Sales and Business Development.

"Chris joins MBDA with a proven track record of success at BAE Systems, and has all the attributes to lead MBDA in the UK from strength to strength."

### **Notes to Editors:**

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2016 MBDA achieved a turnover of 3.0 billion euros with an order book of 15.9 billion euros. With more than 90 armed forces customers in the world, MBDA is a world leader in missiles and missile systems. MBDA is the only European group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development. MBDA is jointly owned by Airbus (37.5%), BAE systems (37.5%), and Leonardo (25%).

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