



FOR MBDA, NSS & SDSR 2015 REAFFIRMS KEY IMPORTANCE OF COMPLEX WEAPONS TO THE UK

The publication of the National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review (NSS & SDSR) 2015 is welcomed by MBDA for the recognition it gives to Complex Weapons, and products such as Storm Shadow and Brimstone, as strategic assets offering unrivalled precision and operational advantage.

The NSS & SDSR's continued commitment to Franco-British defence co-operation is of particular strategic importance as both countries move towards closer alignment at an industrial level in Complex Weapons. This beneficial relationship has equipped both countries with the most advanced missile systems in the world and MBDA will continue to work closely with both governments on their future systems.

MBDA is also encouraged by the identification of the valuable economic contribution that defence exports make to our national prosperity. The support of the UK government is a vital factor in securing access to the global defence market and the introduction of cross-government strategies under the direction of the National Security Council, as well as making support for export a core MoD task, can only enhance MBDA's opportunities in the international market.

"The NSS & SDSR 2015 has delivered a clear strategic direction that provides MBDA with assurance that both the Complex Weapons sector and our role in it remain crucial contributors to the Armed Forces, the defence of the UK and our relationship with key partner nations such as France," said Dave Armstrong, MBDA's Managing Director UK and Executive Group Technical Director. "MBDA's missile systems deliver world leading military capabilities not found elsewhere and we will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the UK Armed Forces have the means to meet the complex and demanding operational environment identified by the NSS & SDSR."

Notes to editors:

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2014 MBDA achieved a turnover of 2.4 billion euros with an order book of 12.6 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 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.

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