



DEFENCE SECTOR
CHARTER COUNCIL

NOTICE

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY ENTERPRISE AND SUPPLIER FUND (ESD FUND)

The Defence Sector Charter Council (DSCC), has established the ESD Fund that will enable and support economic transformation of the South African Defence Industry (SADI).

The ESD Fund is a registered entity, known as the DEFENCE ESD FUND NPC, Registration Number 2022/383286/08.

The aim of this initiative is to transform and revitalise the defence industry by enabling effective and sustainable economic participation of Black people in the SADI value chain. To encourage innovation, manufacturing, development and growth of SMMEs in the defence industry, to enable a sustainable defence industry and ensure active involvement of “Black Designated Groups” (Unemployed, Youth, Persons with disabilities, Military Veterans, people living in under developed areas and Women).

The ESD Fund will engage in enterprise financing, encouraging entrepreneurship, capability and capacity development of diversified SMME businesses with specific focus on designated groups.

All Measured Entities as defined under the Defence Sector Code are required to contribute to the ESD Fund 1% of their net profit after tax (NPAT) per annum. A ‘Measured Entity’ is an entity, enterprise, state organ or public entity that is subject to measurement under the Defence Sector Code.

The DSCC has appointed Cede Capital (Pty) Ltd to manage the ESD Fund on its behalf. Cede Capital is an external independent service provider, 100% black-owned enterprise, proficient in financial services and economic empowerment/development. It is an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No. 50827), registered with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) and financial credit provider (NCRCP- 8919). Please refer to Cede Capital’s webpage, <https://www.cedecapital.co.za>, to get more insight into the company.

All “Measured Entities” are required to make their contribution to the ESD Fund which contribution will be recognised by means of a Certificate of Appreciation, confirming the amount received.

This notice therefore seeks to announce that the ESD Fund is established and operative. All contributions may be deposited into the following bank account, using the name of the Measured Entity as reference:

Account Holder: DEFENCE ESD FUND NPC
Bank: Nedbank
Account Number: 1221078860
Branch Code: 198765
Reference **Name of the Measured Entity**

Proof of payment must be forwarded to defencecouncil@defencecouncil.co.za with a copy to Cede Capital: defenceesdfund@cedecapital.co.za.

Accordingly, Measured Entities are requested to do their utmost best to contribute as required, for the growth, inclusivity and success of the Defence Industry and the South African economy in general.

We wish all measured entities in the SADI and related industries success in business.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Issued by the Chairperson of the DSCC
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