THE ARMS PROCUREMENT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (THE STRATEGIC DEFENCE PROCUREMENT PACKAGE)

INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD

SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE TO BE TENDERED BY MR. ALEXANDER ERWIN AT THE HEARING OF 17 FEBRUARY 2014

Mr. Alexander Erwin is a former Minister and member of the National Executive of the Government of the Republic of South Africa. At the time that the Strategic Defence Procurement Packages (SDPP) were approved by Cabinet in 1998, he served as the Minister of Trade and Industry. It was in this capacity that he was a member of the Cabinet Committee, referred to as the Inter-Ministerial Committee, that was established to oversee the SDPP.

Mr. Erwin will, on behalf of the Inter-Ministerial Committee, present evidence concerning the nature and scope of the mandate of the Inter-Ministerial Committee, South Africa's economic and National Industrial Policy (NIP) and its application through the National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP), give context to the Non-Defence Industrial Participation Programme as it related to the SDPP, including dealing with the allocation of credits and the use of multipliers, and address the role of the International Offers Negotiating Committee (IONT), inclusively. Finally he will give a brief summary of the rationale for, and the benefits that were realised with regard to, the various aspects of the projects undertaken.