

Maritime Sensor Enhancement Team (M-SET)

PARTNERING PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT

1. Objective of this Partnering Principles Document (PPD)
 - 1.1. This PPD sets out the Partnering Principles by which the Ministry of Defence (“MoD”) and Thales UK Limited (“Thales”) (together “the Participants”) applied in negotiating and will continue to apply in implementing the **Maritime Sensor Enhancement Team (M-SET)** contract (*the “Contract”*). The Contract will be a legally binding document between the Participants for the delivery of General Support Services within the following areas/categories:

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- 1.2 The purpose of this PPD is to outline the aspirations of the Participants and to act as a beacon or direction finder in guiding the deliberations of the Participants in the setting up and operation of the Contract.

THIS PPD IS NOT ENTERED INTO AS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. IT DOES NOT CREATE RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS ENFORCEABLE IN LAW, WHETHER OF PARTNERSHIP, AGENCY OR OTHERWISE HOWSOEVER.

2. Partnership Act 1890

- 2.1. Neither in this PPD nor in the working out of this Contract nor its subsequent management is there any intention on the part of the Participants to create a partnership as defined in the Partnership Act 1890.

3. Aspirations of the Participants

- 3.1 The Participants aspire:
 - To work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and trust;
 - To recognise each other’s needs, constraints, limitations, capabilities, roles and responsibilities to achieve win-win results;
 - To communicate in an honest, open and timely manner with the further objectives of imparting proactive advice and information;
 - To establish procedures for constructive feedback to maximise efficiency, with formal and informal processes;
 - To resolve any conflicts at the lowest possible level but, where necessary, escalate without delay;
 - To provide the highest quality product achievable with continuous improvement, drive down whole life costs and achieve customer satisfaction;
 - To build an agreement that establishes a long-term relationship and measures progress against commitments;
 - To mutually agree objectives for the provision of services to be covered by the Contract and work together to common advantage to provide quality support services to the Royal Navy;
 - To exploit the full potential of innovation to improve overall value for money to the MoD and maximise the use of MoD assets to the financial advantage of the Participants;

- To jointly consider the risk associated with the delivery of support services and decide how best it might be allocated and managed; and
- To build a partnering relationship that is committed to openness and trust.

3.2 To this end the Participants intend:

- To behave pragmatically;
- To be innovative;
- To challenge accepted processes and procedures;
- To secure timely and realistic trade-offs between MoD user needs for service delivery and contract performance with the outcome that continuous improvement in performance and cost reduction is achieved;
- To allocate risk in the most appropriate and cost-effective manner; and
- To operate in a way that is solution orientated.

4. **Co-operative culture champions**

4.1 In establishing a co-operative culture, the Participants intend to appoint champions whose role will be:

- To provide leadership to develop a partnering relationship;
- To maintain regular contact with the other Participant;
- To provide information to Senior Level Champions and other senior managers; and
- To participate in resolution of issues escalated to their level.

5. **Withdrawal from the Contract**

- The Contract will set out the detailed exit requirements, rights and obligations to apply to the Participants during its currency.

Signed on behalf of the Participants:

On behalf of Thales UK Ltd,

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On behalf of the Ministry of Defence,

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Xxx XXXXXX, Team Leader XXXXXXXX IPT

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Xxxx XXXXXX, M-SET Programme Director