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### **Major Report on Defence Construction in the UK**

AMA Research has recently published the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of its overview of Defence Construction in the UK. This report continues a series of shorter ‘**Snapshot**’ Reports on key areas within public sector construction. Other completed reports include construction within the higher education sector and student accommodation market and an analysis of the Building Schools for the Future Initiative.

The report assesses the scale of change in the defence sector and the levels of construction in the sector currently with prospects for the future. As the role of the armed forces changes, so do the demands on the defence estates and this is leading to a significant programme of change in the sector.

While there are a number of significant building and construction projects underway, there is also a large scale review of sites across the MoD and how the profile of the Defence estates should look in the medium term future. In turn this is likely to lead to greater rationalisation and streamlining of the estate and further building and construction work as a result.

Information for this report has been collated from a wide range of sources including Government Publications, company literature and the Internet. In addition, our research background in related construction and building sectors has been used to provide a basis of understanding of the industry sector and key factors influencing trends and future prospects. Analysis of market developments has been based upon both quantitative and qualitative assessments of both primary and secondary source data. Interpretation of relevant data has been undertaken to explore and support trends within the public sector construction market and to provide a basis for forecasts of future prospects. The report comprises of 71 pages and 25 tables and charts and is available now, priced to give excellent value for money at £595.

#### **Editors Note:**

Enclosed is a summary of the report. Please use extracts if you wish. If you require further information please consult our website, or contact: -

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## **SUMMARY**

The role of the MoD and the armed forces has changed in recent years, with threats posed by international terrorism, a worldwide proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the consequences of failed States, meaning that there is a requirement for the armed forces to operate in a peace-keeping situation, as well as more traditional types of operations which require the application of military force.

In addition there is a greater propensity for the armed forces to offer a proportional response, often as part of an international response, through NATO, or in conjunction with international partners.

This is leading to changing requirements for the defence estate, in the sense that greater flexibility of the armed forces is required, in terms of scale of response, the type of response and the speed of deployment. These factors therefore are increasingly being considered in current and future strategies for development of the defence estate.

In summary, the opportunities within the defence sector remain substantial. While a number of major projects and initiatives are underway there remains a substantial process of change in the defence estate and in turn this is likely to create substantial building and construction opportunities over the next few years.