



The members of the Defence Manufacturers Association (DMA) and the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) have recently voted to merge the two organisations. **The new organisation will be launched on 1 October 2009.**

The primary reason for merging the two organisations is clear: it will form an even more powerful trade association servicing and representing UK companies operating in the civil air transport, defence, security and space sectors. The new trade association will result from a merger of equals and will deliver improved services to around 800 member companies in civil aviation, defence, space and public security. It will also deliver an enhanced voice for the members with politicians, the media and public.

The member companies and the Government have made it clear that a single trade association that provides a united, coherent voice to external stakeholders and a joined-up set of services to internal stakeholders will best serve the UK-based companies in these inter-related sectors. The merger will achieve this aim.

Prior to the launch of the new organisation and its brand, identity and website please refer to www.dmaandsbac.com for more information on the merger.

	
Ian Godden, SBAC CEO & Chairman designate of the new organisation	Rees Ward, DMA DG & CEO designate of the new organisation
	