Industries at risk due to economic crimes: Aerospace & Defence

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**Key Messages**

- **Key characteristics of the A&D industry makes it vulnerable to economic crimes**
  - Globally, economic crime in the Aerospace and Defence sector is one of the least reported in comparison to other sectors
- **Government has continuously focussed on making procurement transparent, but challenges remain**
Indian A&D sector – An overview
India’s defence budget has grown to INR 246 k Cr, with 40% of it being capital spends, expected to grow to INR 130-144k Cr by 2018

Key Insights:

- The Indian government typically spends around 2% of GDP on defence related expenditure (~40% is capital outlay)
- The nominal defence budget allocation is increasing YOY by around 10%
- India ranks among the top 10 countries in the world in terms of military expenditure yet imports 70% of defence equipment

Assumptions:

1. Conservative scenario (Defence capital spend - Scenario 1: Assuming IMF projections for India’s GDP, 2004-11 average %age GDP spend on defence (2.1%) as well as 2004-11 average %age capital spend (43%))
2. Optimistic scenario (Defence capital spend - Scenario 2: Assuming 10.9% Y-o-Y growth in Capex (CAGR 2004-11))

Source: PwC report, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), MoD, IMF’s India GDP projections, MHA Annual Reports, News reports;

*A. Excluding spend on R&D, others – 9% of total defence outlay; the capital spend estimates are supported by the visibility of programs as on date, B. Budget for 2015-16 has outlined a similar mix of capital spend

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**Defence budget allocation and growth**

**Capital spend trend in India (MoD, MHA) in INR '000 Cr**

**Breakup of capital spend (almost constant since 2004)**

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## Indian Defence industry supply side segmentation

### Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)
- Grown tremendously through protection
- Responsible for strategic requirements of armed forces
- Have developed and acquired new technologies
- Large backlog of orders

### OEMs & Large/Mid Sized Indian Companies
- OEMs and Tier-1s looking towards lower cost destinations - India in the scheme of things for all majors
- Aggressive capability building by big houses like Tata, L&T, M&M; Reliance new entrant
- Mid sized and small players like Dynamatic, Aequs, Technologies, Maini Group, TAAL building capabilities/diversifying products to cater to a larger value chain

### IT/Engineering Companies
- Active in the field of avionics
- Big players have separate aerospace vertical: Wipro, Infosys, HCL
- Offer complete solutions ranging from Product Design and Development, Embedded Systems and Avionics to Product Lifecycle Management services
- Have capability to undertake, sustenance and verification activities in several aircraft subsystems

### MSMEs
- ~ 6000 MSMEs – Fragmented; mainly catering to DPSUs, offsets. Increasing # of success stories – Centum, Alpha Design Technologies, Coreel, etc
- Have potential but require further support from Government & large private players
- Key pain points – access and cost of capital, building capability, accreditation
The present government is working to build a facilitative environment for private investment

Market Attractiveness
- Fastest growing civil aviation market
- Vast talent pool of engineering
- Obsolescence of military equipment
- High defence & commercial aircraft demand
- Strong domestic manufacturing base
- Cost advantages
- Well-educated talent pool
- Abundant low cost skilled workforce
- IT competitiveness
- Growing R&D and design base

Government Initiatives
- Make in India campaign
- Push for private participation
- Increase in FDI cap to 49%
- Streamlining of licensing regulations
- Initial validity of IL extended to 15 years, further extendable up to 18 years
- Security Manual Issued
- Revamping of offset policy and DPP in progress
- Flexibility in relation to nomination or change in offset partners post signing of contract
- Level playing field- ERV benefit extended to private sector
- Smaller defence deals brought under the ambit of "integrity pact"
- List of military stores requiring NOC of DoDP notified by DGFT
- End User Certifications now required only from the immediate buyer
- Strategy for export of defence products notified
- National Policy on Electronics includes Avionics
Procurement Procedure in India
**Defence Procurement Procedure – A glimpse**

**Stages in acquisition process**

- Request For Information
- Formulation of Services Qualitative Requirements (SQRs)
- Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)
- Commercial Negotiation by CNC
- Contract Administration and Post-Contract Monitoring
- Evaluation
- Request for Proposal

DPP – First formulated in 2002. 6 revisions thereafter

**Scope**
Cover all capital acquisitions undertaken by MoD

**Objective**
- Expeditious procurement
- Development of indigenous defence sector
- Conformity to highest standards of transparency, probity and public accountability
- Fair competition

• Technical
• Field
• Staff
• Offset
• Oversight
Provisions in DPP to promote transparency

Relevant Issues

• **Integrity Pact:**
  - An ‘Integrity Pact’ is signed between government department and the bidders for all procurement schemes over INR 20 crore – not to accept/offer bribes during the procurement process
  - As per Article 22 of Standard Contract document, “giving or offering of any gift, bribe or inducement or any attempt at any such act on behalf of the SELLER towards any officer/employee of the BUYER or to any other person in a position to influence any officer/employee of the BUYER for showing any favor in relation to this or any other contract, shall render the SELLER to such liability/penalty as the BUYER may deem proper, including but not limited to termination of the contract, imposition of penal damages, forfeiture of the Bank Guarantee and refund of the amounts paid by the BUYER.”
  - Violation of the above provisions – Cancellation of the contract (all or any other contracts with the seller) and recovery of the amount of any loss arising from such cancellation.

• **Agents/Technical consultants/Authorized vendors:**
  - Confirmation/ declaration that no individual or firm, has been engaged to intercede, facilitate or in any way recommend to the Government to the award of the contract to the Seller; nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual or firm in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
  - Required to give an undertaking to disclose all payments made in connection with the contract in question to anybody (including agents and other middlemen)
Economic crimes in A&D industry
The defence market does not have free competition: Inherent distortions make it susceptible to economic crime

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<td>Highly regulated</td>
<td>Large number of sanctions required</td>
<td>• Bribery &amp; Corruption</td>
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<td>• Manufacture</td>
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<td>• Speed money</td>
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<td>• ToT</td>
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<td>• Money laundering</td>
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<td>• Sales – domestic &amp; export</td>
<td>Raises entry barriers – restricts number of players</td>
<td>• Theft of intellectual property</td>
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<td>• Security clearance</td>
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<td>Information asymmetry</td>
<td>Suppliers – Specifications, rue price</td>
<td>• Award of non-competitive contracts</td>
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<td>Buyers – Long term demand</td>
<td>• Smuggling</td>
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<td>Monopsony – single buyer and L1 basis</td>
<td>Win-lose situation</td>
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<td>Close knit buyer group</td>
<td>Fewer people to influence, scope for middlemen</td>
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<td>Cutting edge technology – complex specs</td>
<td>Difficult to comprehend</td>
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<td>Shrinking budgets</td>
<td>Intense competition</td>
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<td>Limited suppliers and frequent complaints</td>
<td>Limit buyer options</td>
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<td>High transaction costs</td>
<td>Greater risks</td>
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<td>Large deal size</td>
<td>Increases stake for suppliers</td>
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<td>Grey market – very lucrative</td>
<td>Increased temptation to violate laws</td>
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<td>Lack of transparency in procurement</td>
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<td>Conviction difficult</td>
<td>Encourages agents</td>
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Key insights:

- One in three organizations reports being hit by economic crime.
- The highest levels of economic crime are consistently reported by respondents in Africa (50%) and North America (41%).
- According to PwC’s Global Economic Crime Survey 2014, economic crime has been reported by 28% respondents in the Aerospace and Defence sector.
- According to Trace International, aerospace and defense industry members have accounted for approximately 12% of the world’s anticorruption enforcement actions since 1977, second only to the extractive industries like oil and mining.
- Transparency International (TI) describes the defence sector as one of the most secretive, and one in which it is difficult to openly discuss corruption issues.
- Aerospace and defence companies have unique risks due to the large scale and value of contracts, fierce competition and the complexity of the regulatory and compliance environment.

Source: PwC Analysis
Western nations have established strict anti-corruption laws

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<td>• Anti bribery provisions – Prohibits offering, paying, or giving anything of value</td>
<td>• Covers corruption in public and private sector</td>
<td>• Russia – introduced measures that imposes criminal sanctions on companies and individuals who make corrupt payments to foreign public officials.</td>
<td>• Act enacted to combat corruption in government agencies and public sector businesses in India</td>
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<td>• Accounting records provision – Requires companies to maintain its accounts properly</td>
<td>• Does not require proof of corrupt intent</td>
<td>• Offence punishable with imprisonment and fine</td>
<td>• Applies to bribe taker, giver of bribe and any middlemen</td>
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**Select example of corrupt practices in defence**

- Florida based defense company IAP Worldwide Services Inc paid US$7.1 million to settle a U.S. investigation into an alleged conspiracy to bribe Kuwaiti officials to win a government contract.
- BAE Systems paid $2 billion in bribes to Saudi Arabian ambassador Bandar bin Sultan in a multi-billion-dollar arms deal.
- Rheinmetall Defense Electronics, a subsidiary of German defence contractor Rheinmetall, has settled a foreign bribery investigation with Bremen’s public prosecutor and agreed to pay a €37 million penalty.
- Safran was convicted and ordered to pay 500 000 euros in penalties by a Paris court for bribes paid by Sagem to Nigerian officials.
## Defence deals attract controversy

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<td>1986</td>
<td>$ 285 mn</td>
<td>Receiving kickbacks from Bofors AB for winning the bid to supply India’s 155 mm field howitzer</td>
<td>Blacklisted Bofors from doing business in India</td>
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<td>Denel Scandal</td>
<td>1999</td>
<td>$ 386 mn</td>
<td>Commission paid to a firm to swing 5 contracts signed from July 1999 onwards d</td>
<td>Blacklisted but 8 years later, CBI closed the case as allegations could not be substantiated</td>
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<td>Barak missile scandal</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>INR 1150 crores</td>
<td>Bribe paid for swinging the deal</td>
<td>CBI closed the case in absence of any substantial evidence</td>
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<td>Scorpene deal scandal</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>INR 18,798 crores</td>
<td>Bribe paid to decision makers</td>
<td>No evidence of corruption in the deal. Scorpene submarines are now being built in India under a technology transfer agreement that was part of that contract.</td>
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<td>VVIP chopper scandal</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>INR 3600 crores</td>
<td>Bribery and corruption involving several senior officials</td>
<td>Cancellation of contract on grounds of breach of Pre-contract Integrity Pact and the agreement by the company – trials yet to commence in India</td>
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<td>Tatra –BEML Scam</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>INR 3000 crores</td>
<td>Embezzlement of Government funds perpetrated by BEML in collusion with MoD</td>
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*Source: Media reports, International Journal, Article by Surojit Chakraborty*
**Preventive measures taken by the private sector in developed countries**

**CEOs and Boards of Directors**
- Ensuring a robust ethics and anti-corruption programme. Encouraging periodic independent review.
- Disclosing the programme fully on your company’s website.
- Speak up strongly against corruption inside the company and in public fora.

**Investor engagement teams, portfolio managers, and analysts**
- Explaining the ethics and anti-corruption programme.
- Showing the results of independent reviews.

**Procurement chiefs in arms importing countries**
- Formulating effective ethics and anti-corruption programmes in place, and that they are made public.
- Explaining Ministry of Defence (MoD) regulations on the subject to all concerned

**Government officials responsible for offsets**
- Encouraging bidding companies to publish their detailed offset obligations.
- Encouraging publishing of annual performance assessments of their offset obligations.

**Arms exporting governments**
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Recommendations
Recommendations for reducing economic crime in defence sector in India

- Create specialist procurement agency – multi disciplinary specialists
- Encouragement / protection to honest officers
- Improve and speed up prosecution
- Institutionalize out of courts settlement
- Blacklisting entire group companies counter productive – last resort, grave and serious offense
- Conduct due diligence of supplier before engaging – working with reliable partners
- Stricter corporate governance: zero tolerance policies
- Whistleblower protection
Thank you

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