



# Partnering with our customers to solve real world challenges

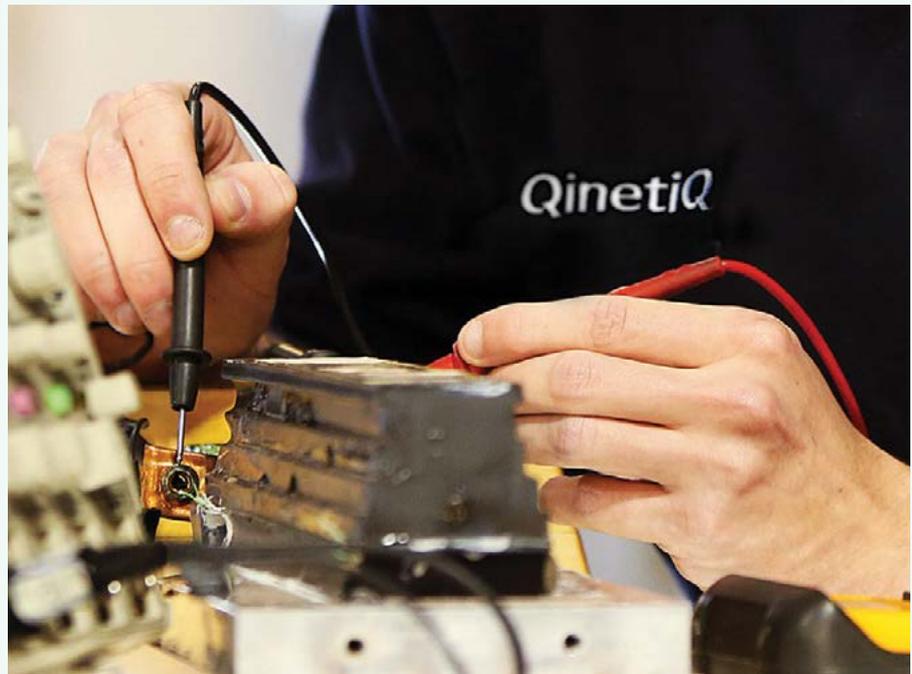
## Enabling the UK military to retain its tactical edge in advanced materials technology

### Our plan for change

An Advanced Services and Products team has been established in the Business Development function, to develop a pipeline of innovation ready for exploitation in the domain-focused businesses.

### 'Protect above all'

In March 2016, the UK Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) renewed a contract with QinetiQ that supports the UK military in maintaining its tactical advantage in advanced materials technology. The new £10m five-year contract will see QinetiQ experts develop and test materials to further protect land, air, maritime and subsea vehicles from next-generation threats. Performed in line with the UK Ministry of Defence's mandate to 'protect above all', QinetiQ's capability is the only one of its kind in the country.



### A strategic national capability

The contract, part of the Materials and Structures Technology (MAST) Science and Technology Centre, is being delivered by QinetiQ's world-class team of experts. The team comprises a unique mix of physicists, chemists, materials scientists and vision scientists that has been delivering innovative solutions to protect the UK's armed forces for more than 20 years. "The MAST programme has to be extremely agile, with our team almost exclusively and continuously innovating," says Dr David Moore, Director of Research Services, QinetiQ. "Recognised as a strategic national capability, the most important factor is the people. And this is a true growth story: born out of a fragile capability some years ago, MAST has

developed in line with customer demands, in particular being able to do more for less and honing world-leading experts in this field. The team is now producing cutting-edge technology that recognises the ever-growing threat of more connected technology like never before."

Dstl Programme Manager John Pearson, said: "As technology advances at an unprecedented rate and becomes more accessible to hostile states and groups, it is vital that the UK stays one step ahead. Our investment will preserve a unique capability of critical national importance, enabling the British armed forces to maintain their battle-winning edge."