

**PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

**26 APRIL 2010**

**MOTION ON NOTICE No 11 09/10**

**GUARANTEED WORK AT DEVONPORT DOCKYARD AND NAVAL BASE FOR 15 YEARS**

Plymouth City Council welcomes the announcement of the signing of the ToBA (Terms of Business Agreement) between the M.O.D. (Ministry of Defence) and Babcock International Group PLC.

The agreement confirms Babcock as the MOD's key support partner in the maritime sector and underpins the delivery of key aspects of the MOD's Defence Industrial Strategy.

Under the ToBA, Devonport is confirmed as the UK centre of excellence for deep maintenance of major surface warships. This is in addition to its existing role as the sole site for the refitting of the Royal Navy's nuclear powered submarines, which the ToBA recognises by designating Babcock as its primary submarine support partner. The ToBA covers the fifteen year period between 2010 and 2025 and also extends Babcock's management roles at the Clyde and Devonport Naval Bases.

Council thanks the local MP's for the hard work they have put in to secure the ToBA, thus guaranteeing the Dockyard and the Naval Base a 15 year period of stability.

**Proposed by Councillor Evans**

**Seconded by Councillor Stevens**