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Professor Abel Esterhuysen is a member of the Department of Strategic Studies in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University at the South African Military Academy. Holding a PhD from the University of Stellenbosch, he is also a graduate of The Senior Leadership Programme of the African Center for Strategic Studies in Washington DC; The Summer Programme in Military History at the US Military Academy, West Point; and the Programme on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS) of Columbia University's Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies in New York. Before joining academia, he served as an officer in the South African Army. A rated scientist of the South African National Research Foundation, he specialises in South African security and defence, military and strategic theory, and contemporary conflict. His most recent publication is a co-authored book chapter titled *African Armed Forces and the Need for Security: Making Sense of Realities*.

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Evert Jordaan is a Lecturer in Strategic Studies at the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University. He completed his PhD at Stellenbosch University with a dissertation on *South African Defence Policy-making, 1994–2015*. He teaches an MPhil course on defence policy and strategy at the South African National Defence College, and regularly advises the Department of Defence on policy matters. His previous appointment was as Deputy Director Defence Policy Formulation at the Defence Secretariat. Prior to this, he served as a major in the South African Armoured Corps at SA Army Headquarters, where he undertook various research projects for the Future SA Army Strategy project. This included a co-edited book on *South Africa and Contemporary Counterinsurgency*. He has published several articles in academic journals on South African defence issues, including defence policy-making and operational thinking.

MR EEBEN BARLOW

Founder and chairman of Executive Outcomes, Eben Barlow has served in conventional, unconventional and covert units of the SADF as well as in numerous capacities in several African armed forces. He assists under-siege African governments with the development and implementation of sustainable political, military and intelligence strategies, doctrines, and policies to assist, guide, prepare, and mentor forces to reduce uncertainties while gaining national political, military, and intelligence advantages. He has overseen the training of specialist combat forces and accompanied them to battle. His Africanist views on conflict and war are referred to as 'Composite Warfare'. He is the author of four highly-acclaimed books on conflict and war in Africa, and frequently lectures at defence colleges and universities in Africa and beyond. He has served as the Honorary



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COL (ret) ROY MARAIS

Roy is a retired SA Army Colonel who served for 34 years as a Logistician. He served in several of units in the SADF and SANDF. In November 2001 appointed as the Logistic Planning Officer representing the DOD and the RSA on the Interstate Defence and Security Council (ISDSC) (Logistic Sub Committee) where he co-wrote the Sustainment / Logistic Concept for the SADC also representing the RSA and the DOD on the African Union (AU) Logistic Planning Group where he formed part of the group drafting the first Logistic Support Document for the AU. Drafted the Joint Warfare Document (JWP) on Joint Logistics in 2003, the future SA Army Landward Logistic Strategy and Landward Logistic Concepts as part of the SA Army Future Strategy to 2035, the SANDF Sustainment Concepts as part of the SANDF Concepts to 2045 as well as the Airborne Sustainment Concepts. He presented the Joint Sustainment Concepts to the Joint Senior Command and Staff Course for 8 years and the Logistic Module for The Peace Mission Commanders Course (UN Logistics) at the PMTC for 10 years. He drafted the first Logistic document that was used to formulate the final Logistic Chapter of the New Defence Review in 2012 and wrote the Procurement Chapter of the New Defence Review. He was the Chief Logistic Planner (Military) for the funeral of Nelson Mandela which started $\pm 3\frac{1}{2}$ years before his death and was awarded the Nelson Mandela Medal in Gold for this support.

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