

# INSIGHTS

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## OTB SHOW & TELL – A GREAT SUCCESS

OTB (Overberg Toetsbaan) held a very successful “Show & Tell” during August 2007. The event targeted OTB’s main clients and once again confirmed the company’s role as a key strategic flight test facility in South Africa.

Over the years, the “Show & Tell” has become a tradition with local contractors to the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and Armscor. These events are an annual opportunity for suppliers to display their capabilities and to showcase new developments to their clients.

At OTB’s recent event, presentations and demonstrations were delivered regarding all aspects of the company’s activities. These vary from an overview of directional strategies through to detailed presentations of a range of technology renewal projects. The presentation and demonstration of OTB’s new night sight capabilities drew great interest.

More than 80 guests, including representatives from the Department of Defence (DoD), SANDF, Armscor, Air Force Base Overberg, as well as the defence industry and other state departments, attended the occasion. The programme extended over two days with a festive

evening function in between that proved to be an excellent networking forum.

Positive feedback was received from the attendees and everybody was duly impressed with the presentations, arrangements, friendliness and overall efficiency of OTB. It has already been decided that another “Show & Tell” will be held during next year.



from l to r: Mr Abrie van der Walt, General Manager of OTB, with Mr Johan Swart of Armscor and Mr Frik Beyers, Senior Manager: Technology Management & Analysis, of Armscor at the event.

### Did you know?

OTB’s service offerings range from tests of short-range guided munitions for land, sea and air combat, to evaluations of stand-off weapons and aircraft performance.

In recent years OTB conducted a series of tests for the German Air Force’s Taurus medium-range stand-off weapon, with the Spanish Air Force (the buyer of the system) also showing an interest in testing at OTB.

Since 2005, OTB has supported several space launches for Boeing and NASA. During these missions, OTB relayed data in realtime from space vehicles to the control centre in the USA.

### Like to know more?

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