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GENERAL DYNAMICS CANADA SAUDI ARABIAN VEHICLE CONTRACT

The Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre is extremely concerned with the possible termination by the Federal Government of the trade deal between Canada and Saudi Arabia for military vehicles built by General Dynamics in London Ontario. Armatec Survivability, one of the largest employers in Thames Centre, is one of the suppliers to General Dynamics who would be severely impacted by a termination of this contract. At a recent meeting with the company, Mayor Alison Warwick was told that an estimated 80% of those currently enjoying steady employment at Armatec on this contract through 2020 would be laid off. The impact of this on these dedicated workers and our local economy would be horrendous.

While the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre absolutely supports the protection of human rights, the Council believes the Federal Government has many more impactful options to deliver a message to Saudi Arabia in this regard than by simply cancelling this contract that will result in massive short and long term economic losses, devastating one of our largest industries and driving similar business opportunities offshore.

The Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre implores the Federal Government NOT to terminate this existing trade deal with Saudi Arabia which is critically important to our economy and the economy of all of Southwestern Ontario.

Mayor Alison Warwick
Municipality of Thames Centre