

Gerry Northwood - MAST Ltd

Medium size company

Established in 2005 MAST has played a leading role in setting the standards for armed guarding in the Indian Ocean, along with delivering training contracts, and integrating high tech security components.

Chairman, Director and Board Member

As a Warfare Officer in the UK Royal Navy I had a leading role in the creation of EUNAVFOR, followed by command of the UK Counter-Piracy Task Group deployed off the Somali coast to disrupt piracy in 2011/2012. The TG accounted for approximately 20% of Somali pirates successfully prosecuted.

Since leaving the service in 2013 I have been COO to two companies, both of which have enjoyed commercial success under my direction. I have had opinion pieces on Maritime Security published in national and trade media.

SCEG has a vital role as an impartial representative for the security industry with Government, and potential supplier and client organisations.

I would bring my unique experience of maritime security matters to the table in support of the wider SCEG interest.

I would like to see SCEG continue to develop its reputation as a UK based special interest group with improving influence across international boundaries.