

Tyco International

Le’Israel, Mekorot (see Siemens), Mizrahi Tefahot Bank, Motorola, Partner and Paz Oil. (See pp.8-9, 13-14, 35-36, 19, 20-21, 29 and 30.)

Between 2001 and 2007, TE landed US\$223,000 in contracts to supply electrical control equipment for US-made AH-64s. This kind of US attack helicopter has been supplied to Israel and was used in its wars against Lebanon (2006) and Gaza (2008-2009).

The Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign notes that Raychem provides electrical wiring for the Israeli Separation Wall “where it cuts off the [West Bank] village of Jayyus from its lands.” As stated in the American Association of Geographers’ journal, “many” Palestinian communities, “like Jayyus, are isolated from their agricultural lands” by this illegal wall. TE’s complicity in the forced disconnection between people and their means of survival gives a sharp ironic edge to TE’s slogan “Every Connection Counts.” It also reflects the inhumane disconnect between stark reality and corporate puffery.

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Canada Pension Plan Investments

2012 shares = \$66 million
(Direct & indirect investments)

2011 shares = \$60 million
(Direct investments only)

When its key executives were jailed for embezzling US\$600 million, Tyco Inc. suffered a corporate implosion. Two of the companies arising from the ashes in 2007 were Tyco International (TI) and TE Connectivity. (See pp.42-43.)

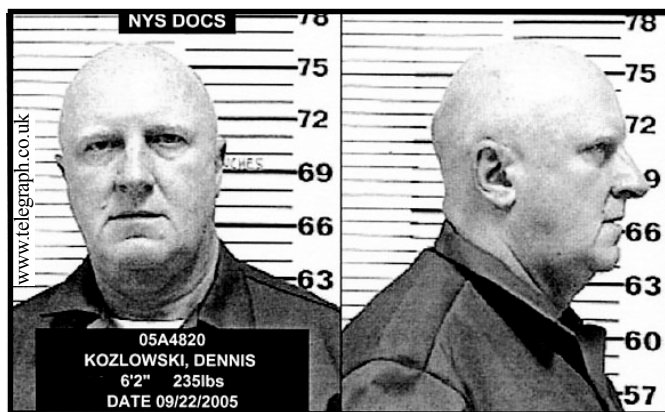
With assets of US\$27 billion, TI says it is “a leading provider of electronic security products and services.” Incorporated in Switzerland, but with operational headquarters in the US, TI also makes fire protection/detection products, valves and flow control systems.

Between 2000 and 2009, Tyco sold US\$2.1 billion worth of products to the US military, and US\$284 million to US law enforcement, prisons, “homeland security” and intelligence agencies. These contracts represented 83% of the company’s sales to the US federal government. Tyco was on the Pentagon’s top 100 contractors’ list between 2001 and 2003.

In 2011, TI paid US\$100 million to buy Visonic Technologies. With its headquarters in Tel Aviv, Visonic is listed in the Israeli government’s directory of domestic “homeland security” firms. This directory promotes Visonic saying it supplies “Identification/Authentication/Tracking,” “Property Monitoring and Protection” and “Access Control” products. It also notes that Visonic’s “Radio Frequency

Identification and Real Time Location Systems products, solutions and services” cater to institutions such as “Prisons/correctional facilities” and “Military bases” in which “the real-time identification and location tracking of people and mobile assets is mission critical to their internal security and safety operations.” Mark VanDover, president of Tyco Security Products, said the acquisition of Visonic would “strengthen the technology capabilities in our intrusion security portfolio.”

Tyco’s subsidiary, American Dynamics (AD), sells closed-circuit TV and video-based security products to an Israeli military contractor called Mango DSP. Mango lists Tyco’s AD subsidiary as an “OEM [Original Equipment Manufacturer] Partner.” This means



After serving only 7 of his 8- to 25-year sentence for embezzling millions from Tyco, the firm’s former CEO, Dennis Kozlowski, began a work release program to give financial advice to ex-cons. Ironically, Tyco sells high-tech security devices to prevent theft and to stop prison escapes.



These two images are from a video for Tyco subsidiary, Visonic Technologies.

Mango buys Tyco’s AD security products, integrates them into digital video-processing/analysis systems and markets them under the Mango brand.

Mango explains that it sells to army, navy and air force customers in

Valero Energy

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2012 shares = \$32 million
(Direct & indirect investments)

2011 shares = \$3 million
(Direct investments only)

the “worlds leading military forces,” and that it provides systems used in the firing of rockets, torpedoes and tank weapons. It also supplies video-processing solutions for military robots, satellites, unmanned drone aircraft, police cars and the navigation of armoured battle vehicles.

Mango also works with Israel’s largest “homeland security” firm, Hashmira Security Technologies. They formed a strategic partnership which allows Mango “to provide homeland security solutions to Israeli security companies and agencies.” (See “3M Co.,” in the previous issue, p.4.)

Between 2001 and 2007, TI received US\$211,000 in contracts for communications equipment used in F-15s. This variety of US fighter/bomber warplane has been transferred to Israel and used in the bombardment of Lebanon (2006) and Gaza (2008-2009).

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In 2002, Israeli attack helicopters, warplanes and hundreds of tanks, armoured bulldozers and other military vehicles swept through the occupied West Bank. World opinion quickly turned against Israel and condemned its disproportionate use of violence. After a week, even

“President Bush’s rhetoric suddenly became quite strident. ‘Enough is enough,’ he told the world on April 4, demanding that [Israeli President Ariel] Sharon begin an immediate pullout.”

But actions speak louder than words and on the next day the Pentagon awarded Valero an US\$8.7 million contract to ship 242,000 barrels of EN590 diesel fuel to Israel by the end of that month. The bill for this fuel transfer was not paid by Israel but by the US Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program. This Pentagon fund supports select US allies by covering the cost of their military-related purchases from US companies. In practice, most FMF grants are given to firms supporting the military needs of one country, Israel.

That contract was not Valero’s only Pentagon award to fuel Israel’s military that year. Another much bigger tender, worth US\$94.7 million was granted to Valero for the delivery of 2.4 million barrels of JP-8 fuel to be delivered to Israel by the end of 2002.

The company was on a roll. Valero won the Pentagon contracts to supply Israel with JP-8 jet fuel in 2003, 2004 and 2005. These successive awards were mentioned in the *San Antonio Business Journal* when Valero won its 2005 contract, worth US\$103.3 million. At that time, Valero spokeswoman Mary Rose Brown was quoted as saying “This is our third year in a

Valero fuels the gas-guzzling war machines not only of the US military, but of Israel as well. With sixteen oil refineries in the US, Canada, Britain and the Caribbean, this Texas-based fuel company has amassed assets worth US\$18 billion. Its facilities are refining about 3.3 million barrels of oil per day and producing about “200,000 barrels per day of kerosene-based” fuels, including varieties powering warplanes and tanks.

Valero reveals that “approximately 12 percent” of its “fuel production is sold as JP-5 and JP-8 [Jet Propulsion fuel] to the U.S. military.” In 2010 alone, Valero sold US\$906 million worth of fuel to the US military. During the ten previous years (2000-2009), its US military sales totaled US\$4.7 billion. These sales put Valero on the Pentagon’s top-100 suppliers list, ranking between 35th and 65th place, during the last six years of that decade.

Valero is one of the Israeli military’s largest fuel suppliers. The company provides Israel with a kerosene-based, jet propulsion fuel called JP-8 which is used to power Israel’s AH-64 attack helicopters, its F-15 and F-16 fighter/bombers, as well as its Merkava main battle tanks. Valero also supplies the Israeli military with EN590 diesel fuel for use in its jeeps, heavy trucks and other equipment.

US taxpayers have paid Valero hundreds of million of dollars to refine oil in Texas that was shipped from US allies in the Arab world and to then ship it back to the Middle East for Israel’s warplanes and tanks.



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