

# ITT Corp.

ous issue, p.25.)

- Lt. Col. Avraham Fischer, who serves with Israel's armored corps, is also the IDB Holding Corp's executive vice president, and a former director of Elbit Systems. (See previous issue, pp.28-29.)

Another Israeli military leader linked to the IDB is retired Israeli Brigadier General Yiar Cohen. He "joined the IDB Group in 2005" and "serves as a Director at several IDB Group companies." He is also a director "at several of Elron's group companies" and at ECTel Ltd., a subsidiary of Verint, one of Israel's top mass surveillance firms. (See previous issue, pp.43-47.) Just prior to taking up all these directorships, Cohen was in charge of "special unit 8200, the central military intelligence unit of the Israeli Defense Force."

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## Canada Pension Plan Investments

2012 shares = \$3 million  
(Direct & indirect investments)

2011 shares = \$1 million  
(Direct investments only)

With half of its 2010 revenues coming from military sales (US\$11.6 billion), ITT is now the world's 14th largest war industry. This diversified, US-based manufacturing company, with assets of US\$12 billion in 2010, has consistently ranked within the world's top 30 war industries since 1999.

ITT sold US\$20 billion worth of products and services to various US military departments and agencies between 2000 and 2009. This represented 96% of its contracts with the federal US government. ITT's sales to the US military placed it on the annual list of top-20 Pentagon suppliers throughout the 2000s. Its overall rank among the top 100 contractors during that decade was #14.

During WWII, two ITT subsidiaries in Germany helped arm the Nazis, namely, The Lorenz Co., which built Focke-Wulf fighter aircraft and Huth & Co., which built radar and radio components. Astonishingly, ITT received US\$27 million in compensation for damage caused by Allied bombing of its Focke-Wulf factory in Germany!

ITT's vice president, Kathleen Stolar, admitted in May 2007 that ITT manufactured "battlefield communication radios" for Israeli troops and was supplying the Israeli military with "intensifier tubes for night vision goggles." These goggles are used by pilots, copilots and crews of various Israeli warplanes and military helicopters. Just two months earlier, ITT had been fined US\$100 million, under the Arms Export Control Act, for illegally exporting secret US night-vision technology to China, Singapore and Britain. Prosecutors said ITT engaged in a "regular pattern of export violations and misrep-

resentation" to the U.S. government between 1980 to 2005.

The Jewish Virtual Library (JVL) website describes ITT Aerospace as a "company with long experience in Israel." It quotes the firm's president and general manager, Marvin Sambur, as saying that "Israel's military needs make it a good market." The JVL also reported that ITT "sold military radios to the Israel Defense Forces," and says:

"Since Israel uses a lot of the same equipment as the U.S. Army, which ITT supplies, Sambur looks forward to doing more business in Israel in the future."

In 2004, ITT awarded a multi-year contract to Israel's Star Night



"Li-Or"

ITT contracted Israel's Star Night Technologies to produce Li-Or night sights for Israel's army. Li-Or sights are used on "Tavor" assault rifles.



"Tavor"

Technologies (SNT) and its US-based subsidiary, Star Night USA, to produce "miniature night sights for the Israeli Ministry of Defense." Israel's *Globes* business paper, reported that SNT manager Avraham Sagie said this "agreement was the first part of a large order, which...would stretch over the next four years, and amount to [US]\$30 million."

*Globes* also noted that SNT developed the "Li-Or" night sight, which is "designed for urban warfare," and is used with Israeli Military Industries' "Tavor" assault rifle. According to Star Night's website, "Li-Or"

"mini night sights are small, compact, lightweight and exceptionally easy to operate. ....Li-Or sights enhance sharpshooter and sniper performance in field and urban night operations, and are mountable on a wide variety of weaponry."

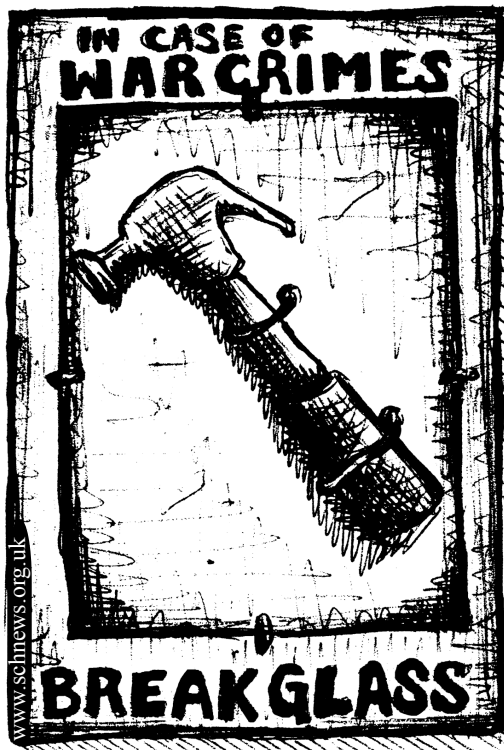
The “Who Profits from the occupation” database notes that SNT “has a factory in the industrial zone of Katzerin, in the occupied Golan Heights.”

In 2007, ITT purchased UK war industry EDO, which makes bomb release equipment for war planes such as European Tornados, Australian F-111s, and US F-15s, A-6s and A-7s. Its bomb rack components were used in F-16 warplanes used in Israel 2008-2009 assault on Gaza. ITT said its acquisition of EDO would give it more contracts for weapons systems like the Israeli navy’s Littoral Combat Ship, and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter which Israel will receive, upon its completion by Lockheed Martin. (See pp.15-16.)

ITT/EDO also makes vital parts for “Paveway” munitions systems used by Israel against civilians in Gaza and Lebanon, and by the US in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, etc. And, ITT/EDO helps design and built Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, used extensively in reconnaissance and bombing missions against civilians.

In response to Israel’s assault on Gaza in 2009, six UK activists broke into the EDO/ITT factory in Brighton, England, and damaged computers, lathes and other equipment. These “decommissioners” argued in court that they had a lawful excuse to damage ITT/EDO property because the company was complicit in war crimes against Palestinians. In 2010, the jury unanimously found them all not guilty.

Data obtained by the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade from the “Government Contracts USA Defense



**When Israel bombed Gaza in 2009, six UK activists used hammers to decommission weapons machinery in EDO/ITT’s Brighton factory. They argued in court that they were trying to stop war crimes. In 2010, a jury unanimously found them all not guilty.**

Department” database shows that between 2000 and 2009, ITT landed over 700 contracts worth US\$636 million for products/services related to major US weapons systems of the kind exported to Israel. These weapons – the AH-64 attack helicopter, and F-15 and F-16 fighter/bomber warplanes – have been used in Israeli military operations such as the wars against of Lebanon (2006) and Gaza (2008-2009).

ITT received US\$48.1 million in AH-64-related contracts, including maintenance/repair of weapons, communication equipment and aircraft structural components, and the supply

of weapons-firing equipment, radar, engine parts and flight instruments.

ITT’s F-15 contracts, valued at US\$208 million, included maintenance/repair of weapons, electrical and electronic equipment, and the supply of weapons-firing hardware, navigational instruments, communication equipment, flight and engine instruments, and wheel and brake systems.

ITT’s F-16 contracts, worth US\$571 million, included the supply of equipment to control weapons fire, as well as engine components, flight and navigational instruments.

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