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## **RC FORNAX PLC**

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## RC FORNAX HOSTS CLAIRE HAZELGROVE MP AT BRISTOL HEADQUARTERS

RC Fornax plc (AIM:RCFX),the UK-based, highly accredited engineering consultancy providing high-impact work package solutions for critical military platforms, was honoured to host Claire Hazelgrove MP (Member of Parliament for Filton and Bradley Stoke) at its Bristol headquarters on 4 July 2025.

During the visit, Ms Hazelgrove met with members of RC Fornax leadership team and toured the Company's new facilities in Bristol. RC Fornax's Bristol headquarters enable closer collaboration with key customers and also provide access to a growing pool of highly skilled talent. The visit included discussions on:

- Scaling operations to provide high-skilled, well-paid jobs and support the local economy through job creation, employment and tax contributions.
- Developing a robust internal engineering team, further strengthening the regional skills base.
- Supporting the Government's efforts to assist service leavers and veterans by providing fulfilling career
  opportunities within the Company.
- The Company's solutions, which deliver significant efficiency gains to defence procurement and support the Government's objectives on cost-effectiveness and speed of delivery.
- The critical importance of the Strategic Defence Review (SDR), particularly in light of ongoing global conflicts, and how RC Fornax can help drive innovation in product development and production while strengthening the SME supply chain nationally.

## Paul Reeves, Chief Executive Officer of RC Fornax, commented:

"We were delighted to host Claire Hazelgrove MP at our headquarters last week and to showcase the important work our teams are carrying out in order to support UK defence, innovation and economic growth. The visit reflects the growing recognition of how dynamic SMEs like RC Fornax can transform not only local communities but also contribute to a more resilient, globally competitive UK supply chain.

"Our commitment to scaling our capabilities in Bristol demonstrates our confidence in the region's deep talent pool and our determination to invest in local skills and partnerships. As a proud British, veteran-founded business, we are dedicated to employing and supporting service leavers, promoting greater diversity in defence, and developing long-term pathways for future engineers through collaboration with universities, colleges, and apprenticeships."

# ${\bf Claire\ Hazelgrove, MP\ for\ Filton\ and\ Bradley\ Stoke, commented:}$

"It was excellent to visit RC Fornax, based right here in Aztec West, and see how veteran-led innovation is strengthening our national security.

"Our Labour Government is committed to investing in Britain's domestic defence capabilities - ensuring our Armed Forces have the tools they need to keep us safe. That means putting the defence industry here in the Filton and Bradley Stoke constituency, including our pioneering SMEs, at the heart of our national strategy."

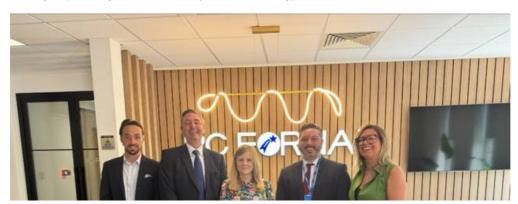




Figure 1: Chris Brooks, Managing Director, Mark Fahy, Chairman, Claire Hazelgrove, MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke, Paul Reeves, CEO and Lucy Anker, COO, pictured at RC Fornax HQ in Bristol.

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## About RC Fornax

RC Fornax PLC is an AIM-quoted company providing outcome-based engineering solutions to the UK defence industry. It was founded in 2021 by RAF veterans Paul Reeves and Daniel Clark who, having also worked for a number of years as defence contractors, are passionate about improving project efficiencies and driving value for money in the sector.

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