



Simon Hutchings

VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGING DIRECTOR, LOGISTICS & MISSION SUPPORT

Simon, (or Hutch – he doesn't mind which) is the Vice President and Managing Director for the Logistics and Mission Support Division within the UK and Europe Solutions Business Area. His responsibilities include the £6.5Bn Logistics, Commodities and Services Transformation Programme with the UK Ministry of Defence. Hutch joined Leidos in April 2023 as the Leidos UK Strategy Director.

Simon has extensive knowledge of the MOD, multinationals and wider government having recently retired from a 33.5 year military (Army) career. His last appointment was Director Joint Support, a 2* role for the Ministry of Defence responsible for the end-to-end supply chain, strategic movements, logistic information system architecture and integrated support solutions for major platform acquisition.

Previously, he was head of the Commissioning and Managing Organisation (CMO) responsible for performance and contract managing the £6.5 billion Logistics Commodities and Services Transformation (LCST) programme delivered by Team Leidos. He also undertook an external industry placement with AECOM as a senior commercial manager working to the SVP for EMEA.

His service in the Royal Logistic Corps included a successful tour as Commanding Officer 17 Port and Maritime Regiment. He has seen active service in Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Norway, Canada, Iraq and Kosovo.

His service culminated in senior posts as Commander 104 Logistic Support Brigade, and work across Government during the coronavirus pandemic, helping to speedily implement the vital organisational changes required to resolve acute tensions in demand and supply of PPE. Simon was the senior Neuro Diversity Defence Champion (principally for Dyslexia) and a Mission Gender 30 (30% Club) mentor.

During his service he was recognised as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2011 for his work in Afghanistan, having earlier been a Member awarded from the same Order in 2004. He remains the Master General of Logistics a titular role as head of the RLC.

Simon has a MA in Defence Technology from Cranfield University and is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. He also graduated from the SAID/Oxford Business School's Major Projects Leadership Academy. In his spare time he loves telemark skiing, climbing mountains, running and motorsport.