

Vigil Press Release 2022

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Dear Vigil Dealers, Athletes, & Customers,

In 1997, Mr. Jo Smolders started A.A.D., (AAD nv/sa – Advanced Aerospace Designs) with the goal of developing the next-generation automatic activation device (AAD) for the skydiving community. In 2003, the first generation multimode AAD was launched to the global market. Since then, Vigil has saved over 500 lives and provided peace of mind to thousands more across the globe. With nearly 20 years since its first launch, Vigil has established a firm place in both the sport and military markets.

Recently Mr. Smolders decided to focus his energy on family and retirement ventures, and the ownership of AAD nv/sa has changed hands.

We'd like to introduce you to the team behind Advanced Aerospace Designs, nv/sa & Vigil brand products:

Sven Ibens - Team Leader & Managing Director

Willy Boeykens - Team Leader & Business Development Director

Luc Beullens - Team Leader & Technical Director

Karl Meyer - Team Leader & Marketing Director

Candace Murchison-Procos - Director A.A.D., nv/sa & President of Vigil America

Mark Procos - Director A.A.D., nv/sa & General Manager of United Parachute Technologies.



Karl Meyer, Sven Ibens, Mark Procos, Candace Murchison-Procos, Luc Beullens, Willy Boeykens

With a combined 96 years in management and industry experience, 196 years in the sport and over 44,600 jumps collectively, the new ownership and management team bring a fresh approach to a well-established and trustworthy brand and are excited for the future of Vigil!

Our team also includes many other talented, dedicated members, some of whom you already know, who are working behind the scenes in the Belgium and U.S. offices. Together we remain committed to keeping the transition as seamless as possible.

With this change, we have now closed the Brussels office and consolidated all operations including, accounting, customer service, repairs, and sales to our Tongeren office:

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Vigil America in DeLand, Florida USA will continue to support the North, South, and Central American markets.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our suppliers, dealers, and customers for being part of what has made A.A.D., and the Vigil brand what it is today. We could not have done it without you, and we are excited to share our journey with you now and into the future.

Sincerely,
The A.A.D., & Vigil Team