# **University of Edinburgh**

## Palestine Solidarity Campaign

# Complicit investments: £4,906,677<sup>1</sup>

#### Based on FOI requests

Yes

This university has an ethical investment policy

Ethical investment policy link: Read policy

# Investments

#### Company Albemarle Corp

**Value of investment** £2,282,966

Albemarle Corporation is a US based chemicals manufacturer. It entered into a long-term supply arrangement with Israel Chemicals Ltd (ICL) to supply global flame-retardants. Israel Chemicals Ltd was the <u>sole provider of white phosphorus</u> to the US Army from 2008 to 2013. The US has supplied white phosphorus projectiles to the Israeli military which deployed them in its <u>assault on the besieged Gaza Strip in 2009.</u>

The supply arrangement means the product will be manufactured in ICL's locations in Israel. <u>ICL conducts</u> <u>business activity in</u>, and with, illegal agricultural settlements in the occupied West Bank.

#### Booking.com

Booking.com is a travel metasearch engine for lodging reservations. It is owned and operated by and is the primary revenue source of United States-based Booking Holdings and is headquartered in Amsterdam. It <u>lists</u> accommodation located in illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://palestinecampaign.org/university-complicity-database/</u>

#### Company

#### Value of investment

It was included in the UN OHCHR's list of businesses active in illegal Israeli settlements based on stolen Palestinian land.

### **Demilitarise Education<sup>2</sup>**

| https://ded1.co/data/university/151                                 | tà t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| University of Edinburgh                                             | Top direct military partnerships                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| value of defence industry partnerships:<br>£240,228,373.98          | Rolls-Royce Plc, EPSRC - Strategic Partnership in Computational Scien £6,327,661.00   BAE Systems, Thales, Leonardo, QinetiQ, EPSRC, Seebyte - Signal Proce £4,092,207.00   EPSRC - A combined experimental and numerical investigation of premixed £642,701.00   Rolls-Royce Plc, EPSRC - Prosperity Partnership call to strategic stude £170,783.00   Rolls Royce - Careers in Engineering £745.00 |
| 6 Ø<br>direct links with arms companies times asked to demilitarise | Latest actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ask to demilitarise                                                 | Students Begin Camp outside Scottish Parliament Building to Protest 2024-04-26<br>Complicity in Genocide                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                     | Occupation - Protesting UoE complicity in genocide (40 George Square) 2024-04-03<br>Demanding Divestment Occupation - Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre 2024-02-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Send an email to Sir Peter Mathieson asking them to demilitarise.   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Societies                                                           | Latest FOIs view all                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                     | Academic partnerships policy 2023-07-11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                     | Academic Partnerships 2023-04-24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                     | Investments 2023-04-14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

<u>Rolls-Royce</u> is a British manufacturer that produces military aircraft engines, naval engines and cores for nuclear submarines. It is still the world's 17th largest Arms trade.

It is a <u>supplier of the US F-35 Joint Strike Fighter programme</u>. F-35 fighter jets have been used on numerous occasions in Israel's attacks on the besieged the Gaza Strip, including in May 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://ded1.co/data/university/151</u>

In 2014, the year of Israel's aerial bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza, which killed over 2,200 civilians, nearly a quarter of them children, Rolls-Royce was granted export licenses for engines for military aircrafts to Israel.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>Rolls Royce - Palestine Solidarity Campaign (palestinecampaign.org)</u>