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L-3 Communications Integrated Systems - Australian P-3C Orion Achieves Acceptance into RAAF Service

RAAF Base Edinburgh, South Australia (14 October 2002) – L-3 Communications Integrated Systems has today joined with the Commonwealth of Australia in celebrating the acceptance into service of the Australian P-3C Orion following the aircraft's modification under Project Air 5276 Phase 2A (Sea Sentinel). The ceremony, held at RAAF Base Edinburgh, was attended by the Chief of Air Force and the president of L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, along with defence and L-3 staff.

The aim of Project Air 5276 Phase 2A is to upgrade the RAAF's fleet of P-3 Orion aircraft with new sensors, controls and displays as well as a new mission system which will extend the Orion's operational effectiveness to its planned life of type of 2015. Upon acceptance, the aircraft are being designated AP-3C aircraft, the 'A' signifying Australian-specific modifications.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems is the prime contractor and L-3 Communications Australia Pty Ltd is carrying out the physical modification of the fleet. The modification is the largest and most complex modification project undertaken to date on a RAAF airborne platform/system. Six aircraft have been delivered to the Commonwealth of Australia with the remaining being delivered progressively until late 2004.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment," said Bob Drewes, president of L-3 Communications Integrated Systems. "It reflects a tremendous amount of superb teamwork to complete the initial aircraft and see them through rigorous testing and evaluation. Our team has shown tenacity in assuring that the RAAF AP-3C is among the most technologically advanced maritime patrol aircraft in the world."

"The L-3 Communications partnership with DMO has been one of mutual respect and common goals, which truly has been to the benefit of the program as a whole. Through this program, L-3 Communications has made a substantial investment in Australian industry and it is our intention to continue to expand our involvement with the ADF, notwithstanding the changes that are envisaged for defence aerospace in Australia."

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems specialises in the development and integration of complex electronic systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. Integrated Systems is headquartered in Greenville, Texas with additional sites in Waco, Texas; Lexington, KY; and Avalon, Australia.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) is a leading merchant supplier of secure communications systems and products, avionics and ocean products, training products, microwave components and telemetry, instrumentation, space and wireless products. Customers include the U.S. and Australian Department of Defense, selected U.S. government intelligence agencies, aerospace prime contractors and commercial telecommunications and wireless customers.

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