



L-3 Communication Systems – Australia



L-3 established a new Australian division, L-3 Communication Systems–Australia (L-3 CS-A). Operating as the Australian Centre of Excellence for L-3's Advanced Communications Group, CS-A will provide the Australian Defence Force with full access to L-3's innovative products and systems.

Our new division is being led by Australian native Andrew Petersen, L-3 CS-A Director. Under his leadership, L-3 has achieved continuous growth and success in Australia. L-3 is committed to providing the Australian Defence Force with the solutions they need to continue building national resilience and to solidify Australia's capability edge in the Asia-Pacific region.

L-3 provides integrated solutions on a wide range of platforms, including Special Forces Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs), HMAS SIRIUS, the Royal Australian Navy's Canberra Class LHDs, Collins Class submarines and the Royal New Zealand Navy's ANZAC Class of ships.

L-3 CS-A provides our customers with the benefits of both local support and global expertise that is uniquely-tailored to the Australian market. Our highly skilled Australian workforce puts L-3 in a strong position to provide the Commonwealth of Australia with tailored C4I solutions and in-country support to the many L-3 systems already deployed within the Australian Defence Force.



Andrew Petersen

"The recent commissioning of the second Canberra Class ship for the Royal Australian Navy is an example of L-3 CS-A's effective collaboration between Australian and U.S. industry," said Andrew Petersen. "As the Navy's largest-ever ships, the Canberra Class LHDs represent one of the most sophisticated amphibious command systems in the region, signifying the start of a transformational period of ongoing development across the Australian Defence Force." ♦

Rob Slaven Joins L-3 After 30 Years' Of Service With the Royal Australian Navy

Enabling Seamless Exchange of Critical Communications

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is the military organisation responsible for protecting Australia. The ADF faces a number of inimitable military challenges as it operates across both the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The Royal Australian Navy (RAN), part of the ADF, is specifically responsible for defending Australian waters and undertaking operations in distant locations. RAN is relied on for operations ranging from constabulary patrols through illicit drug interdictions, to the high-end warfighting skills of littoral amphibious operations and trade protection. L-3 CS-A is continuously working to help the ADF to meet the demands of this dynamic operational landscape. The ADF needs to be equipped with state-of-the-art technologies for assured, seamless exchange of critical communications and data between numerous allies and coalition partners. Commissioning of shipwide integrated communications systems aboard Australia's two newest amphibious assault ships highlighted L-3's success. These ships serve as critical command nodes for regional joint operations.

As part of L-3's expanding maritime business sector in Australia, Rob Slaven recently joined L-3 as Business Development & Strategy Manager after 30 years of service with the Royal Australian Navy. Over his long and distinguished career, Rob held numerous high-profile operational postings, including frigate command, satellite operations and warfare training positions, eventually leading to serving as the Director of Operations for Coalition Maritime Forces in the Middle East. While in uniform, Rob also held senior positions within the RAN's technology development and acquisition branch. He successfully navigated a number of shipbuilding and electronic warfare development programmes through the complex Government approvals process. He also played a pivotal role introducing the concept of integrated air and missile defence into the ADF. With Rob's wealth of experience, L-3 will continue to assist the ADF to move confidently into the future. We are honoured to have him as a member of our team. ♦



Rob Slaven

L-3 Communication Systems – Australia Facility Opens in Melbourne

L-3 CS-A will be hosting a grand opening for its new facility in South Wharf, Melbourne, Victoria on July 20, 2016. This facility will replace its Hawthorn offices. The South Wharf facility, which overlooks the Yarra River from the newly revitalised Lorimer Precinct, will become a critical part of L-3's growing presence in maritime communications and electronics systems integration. The facility will provide final system integration and testing, along with ongoing support to our current and future programs. The new office further demonstrates the company's commitment to supporting the needs of the Australian Defence Force.



Melbourne, Australia

"We are pleased to announce that L-3 Communication Systems–Australia will be a proud resident of the South Wharf community, with this new facility leading our ongoing and future efforts to best support Australian operations," said Alan Titheridge, corporate vice president and head of L-3 Australia Operations. "Victoria's highly skilled workforce is a rich source of talent that enables L-3 to build upon our extensive national support base. This new facility further extends our long-standing partnership with the Australian government and our unequivocal commitment to help broaden support of our products and services." ♦

L-3 CS-East Receives Recognition Award at DIMDEX 2016

L-3 CS-East showcased their new innovations in command, control and integration of naval communication systems and beyond at DIMDEX. The demo featured L-3's IMPACT Integrated Solutions™ which improves subsystem integration, and dramatically increase the users' insight into the system. In order to enhance eyes-on capabilities of a vessel's subsystems, our solutions provide naval operators with continuous situational awareness and the ability to remotely access and troubleshoot time-critical communication systems on each platform. This results in seamless connectivity between the communication nodes and the troops, enables maximum equipment uptime and enhances maintenance operations to ensure the naval operators' mission is uninterrupted.

At DIMDEX, Chief of Staff of the Qatari Armed Forces, Major General Ghanem bin Shaheen al-Ghanem presented L-3 with an award recognizing our contribution to this major event in Doha, Qatar. ◇



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From left to right, Mike Ghalayini, L-3 WESCAM Sales Manager, Major General Ghanem bin Shaheen al-Ghanem, Chief of Staff of the Qatari Armed Forces, Pat Holub, L-3 Business Development Director of International Programs and Mike Webster, L-3 Program Manager for C4 Maritime Solutions

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