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L-3 COMMUNICATIONS INTEGRATED SYSTEMS EARNS HIGHEST SOFTWARE ENGINEERING RATING

-Company Assessed at Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model Level 5-

NEW YORK, NY, November 12, 2002 – L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) announced today that its Integrated Systems division (IS) has attained the industry's highest software engineering rating, Level 5, in the Software Engineering Institute's (SEI's) Capability Maturity Model (CMM). Level 5 is the highest CMM rating for software engineering capability.

The assessment for IS comes only 25 months after being rated at Level 3 in September of 2000. The company's preliminary baseline assessment of Level 1 was made in September 1999. According to data reported to SEI, the mean time for companies to move from Level 3 to 4 is 30 months and 17 months for moving from Level 4 to Level 5.

"The independent assessment of our software engineering capability at the industry's highest level is important to our customers and to us," said Bob Drewes, president of IS. "Reaching this milestone in such a short amount of time is a strong testament to our dedication to using only world-class processes in the delivery of our systems."

With sponsorship by the Department of Defense (DoD) and federal funding, Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute has seen its Capability Maturity Models become the benchmarks for defense and commercial engineering companies throughout the world.

"The CMM process is designed to push us to continually improve our software performance," said Kent Pride, vice president of Engineering & Technology for IS. "In addition, our Level 5 processes lower the risks inherent to software development in large integration programs."

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems is headquartered in Greenville, Texas with additional sites in Waco, Texas; Lexington, Ky.; and Avalon, Australia. Integrated Systems specializes in the development and integration of complex electronic systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading merchant supplier of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) products, secure communications systems and products, avionics and ocean products, training products, microwave components and telemetry, instrumentation, space and wireless products. Its customers include the Department of Defense, selected US government intelligence agencies, aerospace prime contractors and commercial telecommunications and wireless customers.

To learn more about L-3 Communications, please visit the company's web site at www.L-3Com.com.

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