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L-3 Delivers First of 16 Refurbished P-3 Aircraft to the U.S. Navy; Awarded \$48-Million Follow-On Contract

GREENVILLE, Texas (June 14, 2004) - L-3 Communications Integrated Systems today delivered the first refurbished P-3 maritime patrol aircraft to the U.S. Navy under the Enhanced Special Structural Inspection (ESSI) program. The ESSI program, created by the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) to minimize the impact of Fatigue Life Expended (FLE) P-3 aircraft, is expected to extend the service life of an aircraft that has been a part of the U.S. Navy fleet since 1962.

"We are pleased to deliver the first of many P-3 aircraft under the ESSI program," said Bob Drewes, president of L-3 Integrated Systems. "This is an important program as it addresses the safety of these flying assets and our service men and women."

The ESSI program includes a series of structural inspections, pre-emptive repairs, and structural airframe enhancements to support operational P-3 aircraft. The program identifies primary replacement structural components to specifically address high fatigue failure areas discovered during P-3 service life fatigue testing. The ESSI program includes the procurement and installation of kits on 16 P-3 aircraft, which will replace fatigued critical structure in the outer and center wing assemblies. Over the next several years, all 150 P-3 aircraft in the Navy's fleet will require similar modifications to remain operational.

The first P-3 aircraft was inducted in October 2003, with subsequent aircraft following approximately every 21 days.

ESSI follow-on contract awarded

L-3 was recently awarded a follow-on contract, valued at \$48 million, to refurbish and maintain additional P-3 aircraft. The additional aircraft are expected to begin rotation into L-3's Greenville plant in 2005.

"We are known for our performance and this follow-on award further underscores our ability to meet the needs of our customers," said Bob Drewes, president of L-3 Integrated Systems.

L-3 Integrated Systems has more than 50 years of aircraft modification experience and has modified nearly 300 P-3 aircraft for many customers including the U.S. Navy, U.S. Customs Service, Australia,

Greece and Canada. Continuing programs include a major tactical system upgrade to the Royal Australian Air Force's fleet of P-3 aircraft. This experience and capability includes a workforce with current P-3 experience as well as critical tooling, data and material necessary to support all P-3 initiatives.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems is an SEI CMM Level 5 developer and integrator of complex electronic systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3/IS also operates from major sites in Madison, Miss.; Waco, Texas; Lexington, Ky.; Tulsa, Okla. and Avalon, Australia.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading merchant supplier of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems and products, secure communications systems and products, avionics and ocean products, training devices and services, microwave components and telemetry, instrumentation, space and navigation products. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies, aerospace prime contractors and commercial telecommunications and wireless customers.

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