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First JCA Flies

NEW YORK, June 17, 2008 - L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL), prime contractor for the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft Program (JCA), announced today the successful completion of the C-27J JCA's first flight in Turin, Italy.

"This first flight is a great achievement for the program and demonstrates our ability to deliver JCA to the warfighter," said James Burkhardt, L-3 vice president of JCA.

"L-3 and Alenia promised the Army and Air Force the most capable aircraft with the best value," said Bob Drewes, L-3 Integrated Systems Group president. "First flight is a very important milestone toward delivering on that promise."

The aircraft took off from Alenia Aeronautica's Caselle facility June 16 and remained in flight for 20 minutes. The JCA's maiden flight was in poor weather conditions and included takeoff, functional checks and landing operations.

The Joint Cargo Aircraft program is led by L-3, with Alenia Aeronautica (a Finmeccanica company) as the aircraft manufacturer. The team won the \$2 billion contract in June 2007 for 78 aircraft for the U.S. Army and Air Force. Follow-on contracts, as well as international, foreign military and variant sales are expected to push the aircraft number over 200.

Following the flight test regimen, the aircraft will go to L-3's Waco, Texas facility for final integration of unique mission equipment before delivery to the military customer. The flight test period is scheduled for 24 flights, lasting approximately two months.

The C-27J Spartan has been in production in Italy since 2001, with deliveries to Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Romania.

The C-27J is a mid-range, multifunctional and interoperable aircraft able to perform logistical re-supply, MEDEVAC, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. The C-27J will replace the U.S. Army's C-23 Sherpa, C-12 and C-26 aircraft and augment the U.S. Air Force's existing fleet of intratheater airlifters. The aircraft will play a key role in providing responsive aerial sustainment and critical re-supply support for the maneuver force to maintain operational momentum.

The C-27J Spartan is the latest in a successful tradition of military airlifters, including the C-27A Spartan and the G-222, which have been deployed by the United States, NATO, Coalition Forces, the United Nations and Italy in support of military and humanitarian operations in Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Congo, Operations Desert Shield and Storm, East Timor, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Honduras, Kosovo, Libya, Mali, Panama, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda and Yemen. C-27A Spartans currently are carrying out vital counter-drug activities for the United States in Central and South America.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems Group develops and integrates defense and commercial technology for U.S. and allied customers worldwide. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3 IS has more than five decades of experience in the development of complex intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; command and control; and secure communications. It is recognized internationally as a systems integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes. It is a leader in advanced technologies for signal processing, electronic countermeasures, sensor development and aircraft self-protection. Systems provided or maintained by L-3 IS help protect military and civilian personnel, bases, assets and national borders throughout the world.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 64,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C³ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2007 sales of \$14 billion.

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