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L-3 Communications Integrated Systems recommended for AS9100 certification

GREENVILLE, Texas – Nov. 13, 2003 – L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3/IS) announced today that National Quality Assurance (NQA) has recommended the company for AS9100-2001 certification. The AS9100 certification applies to facilities in Greenville and Waco, Texas, and will enable the company to continue to meet the increasingly stringent quality requirements of civil and military aviation customers on a global level.

AS9100 defines an internationally accepted management system for quality in the aerospace industry and includes requirements of the ISO 9001:2000 Quality System, as well as several others that are specifically related to aerospace.

Audits of the Quality Management Systems at both facilities were conducted by NQA during the last week of October. Typical aspects of the audit determined whether the documentation process used by the company included the requirements of the AS9100 standard and if specific areas were compliant with those requirements.

“The achievement of this new standard postures us to meet the changing needs of our customers, and adds to our competitiveness and marketability,” said L-3/IS President Bob Drewes. “The aviation industry and our competition are both moving toward AS9100 certification. Requirements are being imposed on new contracts, as well as through subcontracts with our Primes.”

L-3/IS business areas became certified to ISO 9001:2000 in May 2002. That transition was achieved 18 months ahead of the December 2003 industry deadline. Teams began preparing to transition to AS9100-2001 after the company decided in late 2002 to pursue certification.

NQA is accredited to provide aerospace quality system registration services in the U.S., Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Pacific Rim.

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 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) 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.

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