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L-3 COMMUNICATIONS AWARDED \$48 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE U.S. NAVY TO REFURBISH AND MAINTAIN P-3 AIRCRAFT

New York, NY, October 8, 2003 - L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) announced today that its Integrated Systems division (L-3 Integrated Systems) has been awarded a \$48 million contract to refurbish and maintain U.S. Navy P-3 aircraft as part of the Enhanced Special Structural Inspection (ESSI) program.

The ESSI program includes a series of structural inspections, pre-emptive repairs, and structural airframe enhancements to support operational P-3 aircraft. To minimize the impact of Fatigue Life Expended (FLE), the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) developed the ESSI program and identified primary replacement structural components to specifically address high fatigue failure areas discovered during recent P-3 service life fatigue testing. The scope of the ESSI program includes the procurement and installation of kits for 16 P-3 aircraft, which will replace fatigued critical structure in the outer and center wing assemblies.

"We are proud the Navy selected L-3 Integrated Systems for this important program," said Ed Gloviak, vice president of Special Programs and Services for L-3 Integrated Systems. "It is also a great opportunity to apply the in-depth understanding we have of the P-3 airframe and structures to keep these important assets flying safely to serve the United States."

The first aircraft induction is scheduled Oct. 13, 2003, with subsequent aircraft to follow approximately every 30 days. Additional aircraft beyond the initial 16 have been identified for induction into this process, and a follow-on contract for these additional aircraft will be competed in 2004.

Bob Drewes, president of L-3 Integrated Systems, added, "The strong relationship we have with the Navy and its confidence in our performance further underscores our role in the defense industry as a center of excellence in aircraft modernization and maintenance."

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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 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) 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.

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

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