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BIOGRAPHY

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Daniel A. (Dan) Grafton is President of Madison, Mississippi - based L-3 Communications Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex). Prior to his current position, he served as President & CEO of the same company known by three other names, including Vertex Aerospace (July, 2003 through November, 2003); Raytheon Aerospace LLC (June, 2001 through June, 2003); and Raytheon Aerospace Company (prior to June, 2001). The company's core business and focus have remained constant through the name changes, which began with the June, 2001 divestiture of the company by Raytheon to a private equity firm, and again with the sale of the company in December, 2003, to L-3 Communications.

For 23 years, Mr. Grafton has served in many leadership positions with the organization, including the past 12 years as President & CEO, while concurrently serving as a Vice President of Raytheon Aircraft (prior to divestiture from Raytheon.) Previously, he served in other leadership positions in finance, contracts and business development. In 1987, he was appointed Corporate Controller and became the Vice President of Administration. In 1989, he was appointed Vice President/General Manager and COO. In 1991, he was appointed President and CEO.

Mr. Grafton was born in Ellisville, Mississippi. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Alabama in Finance and Accounting, with a minor in Economics. He received a Master of Business Administration from Mississippi College in 1980. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

His professional affiliations include the American Management Association, Association of the U.S. Army, Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), National Guard Association, U.S. Air Force Association, Association of Naval Aviation (ANA), Naval Aviation Industrial Council (NAIC), Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Navy League of the United States and he is a life member of Tailhook Association.

In August, 2004, Dan was appointed by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour to the board of directors of *Momentum Mississippi*, which will help guide the state's economic development strategy. He is also past chairman and member of the Board of Trustees for The Nature Conservancy-Mississippi, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, the Board of Directors for the Madison County Foundation, the Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development, the Century Club Charities, the Institute of Technology Development and the Mississippi Technology Alliance. He is a member of the College of Forest Resources Advisory Council for Mississippi State University and he was recently named Mississippi Wildlife Federation's Corporate Conservationist of the Year. In May, 2004 Dan was inducted into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

Dan, his wife, Judy and daughter, Melanie, live in Madison, Mississippi.