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L-3 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVES CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE KG-3X CRYPTOGRAPHIC MODERNIZATION PROGRAM --L-3 Communications Supports Government's Security Upgrades--

NEW YORK, NY, July 29, 2004 -- L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) announced today that its Communication Systems-East (L-3 CS-East) division has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Air Force for the initial System Development and Demonstration (SDD) Phase I of the KG-3X Cryptographic Modernization Initiative (CMI) program. L-3 CS-East was one of two winners of firm fixed price contract awards, each valued at \$13.5 million. The Headquarters Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., will manage the contracting activity for the U.S. Air Force.

The SDD Phase I is scheduled to be completed by June 2005. After completion of SDD Phase I, one winner will be selected for the remainder of the program, which will include the completion of the SDD, Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP), and Production/Deployment.

The Multi-Phase KG-3X program will modernize the legacy cryptographic units used in the U.S. government's Minimum Essential Emergency Communications Network and the Fixed Submarine Broadcast System used for transmission of emergency action messages for nuclear and national command and control of U.S. strategic forces. The KG-3X program includes the design and integration of these cryptographic units with their associated legacy receivers and transmitters onto the E-4B, E-6B, and B-52H aircraft, and into the Broadcast Key Sites, as well as the upgrade of associated trainers and system

integration laboratories and support facilities. L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3 IS) division is teamed with L-3 CS-East to develop installation designs and perform platform integration.

This SDD Phase I award further strengthens L-3 CS-East's position in supplying the U.S. Government with secure communication capabilities with its existing portfolio of secure voice, data, key management, embedded solutions and IP network encryption. L-3 CS-East is a leading supplier and developer of Type 1 secure solutions that support the government's overall CMI. L-3 IS brings integration expertise and experience with many of the aircraft to be upgraded during the KG-3X Program.

L-3 Communication Systems-East, based in Camden NJ, designs, develops, produces and integrates communication systems and support equipment for government and commercial, space, ground, air and naval operations. L-3 Communication Systems-East is a division of L-3 Communications. To learn more about L-3 Communication Systems-East, please visit the division's web site at www.L-3Com.com/cs-east.

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. To learn more about L-3 Integrated Systems, please visit the division's web site at www.L-3Com.com/IS.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading provider of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training and government services and is a merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

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Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this news release are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements set forth above involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from any such statement, including the risks and uncertainties discussed in the company's Safe Harbor Compliance Statement for Forward-looking Statements included in the company's recent filings, including Forms 10-K and 10-Q, with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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