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L-3 Communication Systems-East Awarded Production Contract to Deliver Integrated Communications Systems for the U.S. Navy's Virginia Class Block III Submarine

CAMDEN, N.J., December 14, 2011 – L-3 Communication Systems-East (L-3 CS-East) announced today that it has been awarded a production contract from General Dynamics Electric Boat to deliver the next seven Integrated Communications Systems (ICS) for the U.S. Navy's Virginia class Block III SSNs. L-3 CS-East's ICS will increase the submarine crew's situational awareness and communications mobility through integration of multiple voice systems on one highly reliable network. This state-of-the-art communications system has passed all environmental and performance qualification tests, and is currently being installed on SSN 784.

"The ICS is based on our proven MarCom Integrated Communications System and KITE tactical terminals," said Val Snyder, president of L-3 Communication Systems-East. "We are proud to provide the world's most advanced nuclear-powered attack submarine with our latest communications system, which reduces operator workload and improves crew awareness while supporting complex mission operations. We greatly value our long-standing relationship with General Dynamics Electric Boat and look forward to continuing our support to the U.S. Navy on this vital program."

This latest ICS contract continues L-3 CS-East's rich heritage in submarine communications, including the original Automated/Integrated Radio Room for Ohio class SSBNs and the Automated Baseband Communications System for the U.S. Navy's Los Angeles class SSNs. L-3 CS-East's MarCom ICS is also deployed on several international navy platforms, including the Egyptian Fast Missile Craft, the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) HMAS Sirius, and the Royal New Zealand Navy's ANZAC frigates, and has also been designed into the RAN's new flagship LHD platforms currently under construction. In addition, L-3 CS-East has proposed its proven MarCom system for the RAN's Collins class submarines.

L-3 CS-East designs, develops, produces and integrates communications systems and encryption solutions for space, ground, air and maritime operations. From its shipboard experience with Aegis DDGs and CG modernization, LPD-17, LCS and the U.S. Coast Guard's National Security Cutter and Fast Response Cutter programs to submarines, L-3 CS-East

supports a full spectrum of communications needs for the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. The company is part of the L-3 Communication Systems Group. To learn more about L-3 CS-East, please visit the division's website at www.L-3com.com/cs-east.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs approximately 61,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in C³ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems, aircraft modernization and maintenance, and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of electronic systems used on military and commercial platforms. The company reported 2010 sales of \$15.7 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at www.L-3com.com.

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