

Global Military Aircraft Systems Celebrates Huntsville Program Office Opening

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - December 9, 2005 - Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), a joint venture of L-3 Integrated Systems (L-3/IS), a subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE:LLL), and Finmeccanica's Alenia North America hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and luncheon today to officially open its C-27J Spartan aircraft program office in Huntsville, Ala.

GMAS is offering the C-27J Spartan as a fully compliant solution for the U.S. Army's Future Cargo Aircraft (FCA) program. The GMAS office, located near the Redstone Arsenal, serves as the organization's focal point for all Army Aviation programs. The close proximity ensures customer responsiveness and immediate access to deliver superior service and meet the needs of Army Aviation.

"GMAS is pleased to be a member of the Huntsville community, and I look forward to continuing this area's winning combination of using technology and experience to deliver outstanding results," said retired Brig. Gen. Howard Yellen, general manager of GMAS. "We know the C-27J is the right aircraft for FCA, and its unmatched capabilities and military design elevates it as the clear leader in its class. It's an aircraft that is ready now and prepared for the future."

The C-27J is considered the industry's leading medium lift cargo aircraft, providing superior performance and best value to the armed forces of the world. The FCA program is a key component in the Army's transformation of its fixed wing fleet, which calls for the procurement of a new fleet of cargo fixed wing aircraft. To support the future force, the FCA must be a multifunctional and interoperable aircraft, able to perform logistical re-supply, MEDEVAC, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance, and missions in support of Homeland Security.

L-3 Integrated Systems is a leader in aircraft modernization, systems integration, contractor logistics support, training, and simulation. Alenia is a leader in the design and manufacturing of commercial and military aircraft. The GMAS team embodies an uncompromising commitment to deliver a proven, interoperable, and survivable airlifter to military customers. For additional information on GMAS, please visit www.C-27J.com

Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and also has offices in Seattle, Washington; Long Beach, California; Fort Worth, Texas; and Ottawa, Canada. Alenia North America is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica. Alenia North America has more than 300 employees in the United States and has been entrusted by its

parent company to consolidate and further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America. It is the company utilized for major aeronautical programs and collaborative Joint Ventures with major U.S. companies.

Alenia Aeronautica, headquartered in Rome, Italy is a company of the Finmeccanica Group. Alenia Aeronautica has revenues in excess of 1.2 billion Euros and a total work force of more than 8,600 employees. Its main activities comprise design and production of commercial and military aircraft, design and production of aerostructures for military and civil aircraft and through Aeronavali, a wholly owned subsidiary, overall maintenance and modification of military and civil aircraft. Alenia Aeronautica is a partner of and cooperates with the major global aerospace groups, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Airbus, EADS, Dassault, BAE Systems and Vought.

L-3/IS is recognized internationally as a system integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes, and the study, design, development, and integration of special mission systems for military and commercial applications. The company has modified more than 15,000 different aircraft of more than 125 types. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L3/IS operates from multiple sites in Texas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama and Australia.

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. The company is a leading merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products, including guidance and navigation, sensors, scanners, fuzes, data links, propulsion systems, simulators, avionics, electro optics, satellite communications, electrical power equipment, encryption, signal intelligence, antennas and microwave components. L-3 also supports a variety of Homeland Security initiatives with products and services. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

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

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