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L-3 Celebrates 400th Installation of Northrop Grumman-Built Aircraft Self-Protection System

CRESTVIEW, Fla., April 19, 2016 – L-3 announced today that the combined industry team of L-3 Crestview Aerospace, Northrop Grumman Corporation and Lockheed Martin recently achieved the 400th consecutive on-time delivery of Directional Infrared Countermeasures/Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM/LAIRCM)-modified aircraft.

This milestone was celebrated during a March 15 ceremony at the L-3 Crestview Aerospace facility located at the Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview, Florida.

The team has delivered these high-quality aircraft for more than 15 years, with all 400 aircraft delivered on time. As a result, the U.S. Air Force warfighters are better equipped to perform their mission and have a system that provides superior protection to both aircraft and aircrews. The team delivered the first DIRCM-modified MC-130H Combat Talon II to the U.S. Air Force in March 2001.

The installations included multiple variants and configurations of Northrop Grumman's AN/AAQ-24(V) DIRCM/LAIRCM systems. Lockheed Martin provided installation engineering, electrical kit manufacturing and program management, and L-3 Crestview Aerospace provided mechanical kit manufacturing, aircraft modifications and maintenance.

The only such aircraft protection system currently in production, Northrop Grumman's AN/AAQ-24(V) DIRCM/LAIRCM system is now installed or scheduled for installation on more

than 1,200 military aircraft to protect more than 55 different types of large fixed-wing transports and rotary-wing platforms from infrared missile attacks. The system functions by automatically detecting a missile launch, determining if it is a threat, and activating a high-intensity laser-based countermeasures system to track and defeat the missile.

L-3 Crestview Aerospace has fabricated the more than 435 DIRCM/LAIRCМ aircraft installation kits it has installed, as well as spares and kits for installation at other sites. There were more than 33 different configurations based on aircraft-unique specifications and customer requirements.

“The delivery of the 400th consecutive DIRCM/LAIRCМ aircraft is a phenomenal accomplishment for our Crestview team and industry partners, and we are proud to have achieved such a great milestone,” said Woody Tignor, vice president and general manager of L-3 Crestview Aerospace. “Consistent, quality performance is critical in supporting the warfighter’s mission, and this milestone is a reflection of 15 years of integration excellence and dedication to that mission.”

“This team has collaborated for 15 years to deliver these 400 aircraft without missing a beat. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to the warfighters who rely on these enhanced capabilities to protect aircraft and its aircrews,” said Paula Hartley, vice president of Advanced Product Solutions for Lockheed Martin. “We are proud to be a member of this team and are looking forward to the next 24 deliveries to the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC).”

“This same industry partnership has worked together for 15 years to design, qualify, test and deliver DIRCM/LAIRCМ capability to the U.S. Air Force, and we’re proud to take this 400th on-time delivery as an opportunity to celebrate this important team achievement,” said Carl Smith, vice president of Mission Solutions at Northrop Grumman. “This work, along with our latest partnership to provide a high-performing, open architecture digital radar warning receiver, jammer and geolocation capability in a low-risk Group A installation for Special Operations Command AC/MC-130Js, provides the most robust, battle-proven capability to protect the warfighter from advanced and emerging missiles.”

About Northrop Grumman Corporation

Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in autonomous systems, cyber, C4ISR, strike, and logistics and modernization to government and commercial customers worldwide. Please visit www.northropgrumman.com for more information.

About Lockheed Martin

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that – with the addition of Sikorsky – employs approximately 126,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. Visit www.lockheedmartin.com.

About L-3 Crestview Aerospace

L-3 Crestview Aerospace is a division of L-3 Aerospace Systems. The company is a world-leading provider of aerostructure fabrication, assembly and aircraft modification. Focused on commercial and defense original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), prime contractors and the military, the division provides great value, high quality and superb schedule performance. It is a vertically integrated one-stop shop for detail parts fabrication and machining through end-item aerostructure assemblies and fixed- and rotary-wing modifications. To learn more about L-3 Crestview Aerospace, please visit the division’s website at www.L-3crestview.com.

About L-3

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 employs approximately 38,000 people worldwide and is a leading provider of a broad range of communication and electronic systems and products used on military and commercial platforms. L-3 is also a prime contractor in aerospace systems. The company reported 2015 sales of \$10.5 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at www.L-3com.com.

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Lt. Gen. Bradley Heithold, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, addresses a crowd at the 400th Consecutive DIRCM/LAIRCM On-Time Delivery Celebration at the Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview, Florida, on March 15, 2016.