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L-3 Provides Next-Generation Special Mission Processor for C-130J

JSF-based PRISM avionics architecture enables affordable Link 16 solution

FARNBOROUGH, England, July 14, 2008 – L-3 Display Systems announced today that it has been awarded a contract to provide the Special Mission Display Processor (SMDP) for the C-130J Block 7.0 upgrade program. The SMDP is a high-speed computer that will communicate and exchange mission-critical information to enhance warfighter situational awareness. The SMDP will adopt L-3 Display Systems' latest F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and PRISM avionics architecture and technologies to provide affordable C-130J special mission Link 16 processing.

“This contract expands our relationship with Lockheed Martin’s C-130J community and provides the aircraft with the most advanced and trusted computing processing technology available,” said Bob McGill, president of L-3’s Displays Group. “We are pleased to build upon our 30-year heritage in information and visualization systems to provide the C-130J with a next-generation processing capability. Furthermore, we believe this new cost-effective system will also find residence on a number of other airborne platforms worldwide.”

Lockheed Martin will provide the Operational Flight Program and Link 16 Data Link software for the Block 7 upgrade program. Link 16 is a military intercomputer data exchange format of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. With Link 16, military aircraft, ships and Army and Marine Corps units can exchange their tactical picture in near real time.

L-3 Display Systems, located in Alpharetta, Ga., specializes in the design, development and manufacture of ruggedized display and processing systems for the world’s most advanced applications. L-3 Display Systems offers a wide variety of displays and processors to meet a host of system architectures for airborne, shipboard and ground-based applications.

To learn more about L-3 Display Systems, please visit the company’s Web site at www.L-3Com.com/displays.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 64,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C³ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2007 sales of \$14 billion.

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