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L-3 SPACE & NAVIGATION COMPLETES 93rd CONSECUTIVE DELTA II LAUNCH

BUDD LAKE, NJ, October 18, 2007 – For the 93rd consecutive time, a Delta II rocket successfully delivered a satellite to orbit guided by L-3 Space and Navigation's RGEA and RIFCA assemblies.

The Rate Gyro Electronic Assembly (RGEA) is used for booster guidance and control on the Delta Launch Vehicles. The Redundant Inertial Flight Control Assembly (RIFCA) is a critical component in the Delta launch process, guiding the rocket into proper space orbit, with missions lasting up to seven hours in length, and has routinely achieved a guidance accuracy of at least three times better than mission requirements.

The Delta II team's (United Launch Alliance, Boeing Launch Services and the US Air Force) success streak dates back more than 10 years to May 5, 1997, when the Motorola Satellite-1A mission blasted off from SLC-2. This streak also includes missions launched from SLC-17 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

"This success streak of 93 consecutive launches demonstrates our commitment and proven capability to deliver launch vehicle avionics and inertial systems," said Paul Wengen, President of L-3 Space and Navigation Division.

"This is an incredible achievement by the Delta launch team and we are extremely proud of our record of providing reliable, cost-effective, assured access to space for our customers," said Michael Gass, ULA president and chief executive officer.

Some of the world's most prominent space missions of the last 10 years were launched during the streak. These include the NASA Mars Rovers Spirit and Opportunity in 2003 and most recently the Phoenix Mars Lander Aug. 4, from Florida, which arrives at the red planet in 2008.

L-3 Space & Navigation, located in Budd Lake, New Jersey, is a world premier provider of inertial instruments and integrated fire control systems to the global marketplace and is a major supplier of high-quality pointing, guidance, control and positioning equipment for satellites, artillery and launch vehicles. The division's products and capabilities include fiber-optic and ring laser gyros, reaction wheel assemblies, position navigation units and fire control and digital battlefield solutions.
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Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 63,000 people worldwide and is a prime system 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, systems and subsystems. The company reported 2006 sales of $12.5 billion.
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