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## NEWS

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### **L-3 Communications' SPAR Aerospace officially awarded airworthiness certificate for Hellenic Air Force's avionics upgrade program**

EDMONTON, November 17, 2006 – SPAR Aerospace Limited (L-3 SPAR), a subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL), announced today that it received a Military Supplemental Type Certificate (MTSC) for the Avionics Upgrade Program modification work performed on the Hellenic Air Force (HAF) C-130 B and H model aircraft.

Brigadier General McCabe of the Department of National (DND) Defence Technical Airworthiness Authority, formally issued the certificate during a presentation to the President of L-3 SPAR, Patrice Pelletier, and HAF officers, including Major General Leonidas Mazarakis, at DND headquarters in Ottawa.

The MTSC certifies that the avionics upgrade design meets the appropriate airworthiness specifications.

"We thank DTA for providing independent airworthiness oversight and certification for this avionics upgrade program for the HAF. The modernization of HAF's aircraft are part of SPAR's Herc 2020™ solution, a total aircraft life extension solution for the C-130 Hercules, which can extend its service life by 15 to 20 years at an affordable and competitive price" said Patrice Pelletier, President of L-3 SPAR. "The DTA certification of this design allows us to bring innovative Canadian solutions to the global marketplace. We look forward to more opportunities to work with DTA to provide airworthiness certificates to our other international customers"

L-3 SPAR was awarded a \$90 million contract from HAF in 2002 to perform cockpit upgrades on its fleet of 15 C-130 aircraft. The modernization package included the standardization of the cockpit configuration, the installation of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS) and Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning Systems (EGWPS) as well as Global Air Traffic Management (GTAM) to allow the aircraft to operate unrestricted by international communications and navigations air traffic regulations. SPAR carried out the design, prototyping and testing of two aircraft and the assembly of 15 modification kits at its facilities in Edmonton, Canada. A second C-130H aircraft was modernized at Hellenic Aerospace Industries (HAI) facilities in Greece. The remaining 12 aircraft (eight H and four B models) will undergo avionics upgrade program modifications at HAI in Greece.

L-3 SPAR's next-generation cockpit upgrades are installed on 42 of 60 contracted cockpits flying today and it continues to evolve its design in order to provide customers with best-value, low-risk solutions that minimize non-recurring costs.

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A division of New York City-based L-3 Communications, SPAR Aerospace is one of Canada's leading aerospace companies and is a Lockheed Martin approved C-130 Hercules aircraft service centre - the only one in North America outside of Lockheed Martin itself. L-3 SPAR's corporate headquarters are located in Edmonton, Alberta, with additional facilities in Trenton, Ontario; Mississauga, Ontario and Venice, Italy. With more than 800 employees across Canada, L-3 SPAR is a globally competitive market leader of MRO and Aircraft Life Extension Solutions for air mobility platforms. L-3 SPAR serves customers from Canada, the United States, Europe, South America, Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. To learn more about L-3 SPAR, please visit the company's web site at [www.spar.ca](http://www.spar.ca).

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.

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