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**L-3 COMMUNICATIONS MAS AWARDED A CDN \$20 MILLION (US \$ 17.6 MILLION)  
CONTRACT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MATERIEL ORGANISATION**  
*- Second contract for the structural refurbishment of the Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18 Hornet -*

NEW YORK, NY, March xx, 2006 – L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) announced today that its Canadian MAS (L-3 MAS) subsidiary has been awarded a CDN \$20 million (US \$17.6 million) contract by the Australian Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) for the design and prototype activities required for the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) F/A-18 Centre Barrel Replacement (CBR) Program. The work related to this contract started on December 22, 2005 and is being performed in the L-3 MAS facilities in Mirabel, Québec (Canada).

“We are delighted to be expanding our long-standing relationship with the DMO through this second contract win, which clearly recognizes the value that L-3 MAS will bring to the project. The CBR prototype is an extension of the structural work being carried out by L-3 MAS for the DMO under the RAAF Hornet Upgrade Phase 3 (HUGPH3) Structural Refurbishment Program,” said Sylvain Bédard, president of L-3 MAS. “The CBR is a very important step in the RAAF F/A-18 structural program. The Australian DMO and the RAAF will benefit from our expertise and gain the necessary know-how to be shared with our Australian industry partners within the Hornet Industry Coalition.”

The centre barrel is the aircraft’s mid-fuselage section that carries the load of the wings. The F/A-18 CBR is a major structural modification required to extend the service life of the F/A-18 aircraft. Both the Canadian Forces and the RAAF have selected L-3 MAS as the service provider for the development of their F/A-18 aircraft structural life extension solution. The RAAF aircraft is scheduled to arrive at the L-3 MAS facilities in Mirabel in April, 2006 and the prototype activities are expected to be completed by mid-2007.

L-3 MAS is currently the only commercial enterprise in the world in the F/A-18 CBR production mode. L-3 MAS began working on the Canadian Forces CBR Program in 1998, and is pleased to be able to leverage its Canadian experience to the Australian DMO and to L-3 MAS' Australian industry partners.

L-3 MAS has been under contract with the DMO since 1999, and is a member of the Hornet Industry Coalition (HIC) in support of the DMO and the RAAF for the F/A-18 Hornet Aircraft. "The long term relationship L-3 MAS has within the HIC is built on trust and value creation by the individual partners for the RAAF. L-3 MAS is the service provider for the development and non-recurring work," said Paul Mercier, senior director for the program at L-3 MAS.

More details on the HUGPH3 Structural Refurbishment Program can be found at [www.defence.gov.au/dmo/asd/air5376/phase3.cfm](http://www.defence.gov.au/dmo/asd/air5376/phase3.cfm).

L-3 MAS is among Canada's leading providers of aircraft fleet management, product life-cycle extension, in-service support services, UAVs and aircraft maintenance to government departments and agencies and commercial customers. L-3 MAS employs over 900 people at operating centres in Cold Lake, Ottawa, Mirabel, Bagotville and Williamtown (Australia). L-3 MAS, in addition to providing extensive fleet management, engineering and maintenance support for the Canadian Forces and Royal Australian Air Force fleets of the F/A-18 fighter aircraft, is the leader in providing in-service support for the new CH148 Cyclone helicopter. More information can be found at [www.L-3com.com/mas](http://www.L-3com.com/mas).

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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