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L-3 MAS Delivers Final RAAF F/A-18 Centre Barrel Replacement Aircraft

WILLIAMTOWN, NSW, Australia, June 24, 2010 – L-3 MAS announced today the on-time delivery of the last of 10 Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18 Hornet aircraft for which it performed Centre Barrel Replacement (CBR) work under contract to the Australian Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO). The CBR is a major engineering and overhaul undertaking that extends the life of the centre fuselage beyond the original withdrawal date of the aircraft.

Under the DMO's Hornet Upgrade Phase 3 (HUG 3) program, the aircraft systems and wings were removed in Williamtown by BAE Systems Australia. The Hornet fuselages were airlifted to the L-3 MAS CBR-dedicated facility in Mirabel, Canada, and then sent back to Williamtown for final assembly and returned to flight status by BAE.

The complex effort required innovation, teamwork and flawless execution of a well-developed plan. All critical milestones were met and all 10 aircraft have returned to active service.

"The HUG 3 program, and, in particular, the CBR work was a great success," said Sylvain Bédard, president of L-3 MAS Canada. "L-3 MAS, with the assistance of the DMO, its Australian industry partners and the Canadian Forces, delivered as promised. We are very grateful of the trust and confidence bestowed by the DMO in awarding this contract to L-3 MAS."

Approximately 200 L-3 MAS employees have worked on the HUG 3 program since it began in 2003, which the DMO's chief executive officer, Dr. Stephen Gumley, described as "the most significant activity of (project) AIR 5376 that was on our Large Scale Project list."

"We are very delighted with the outcome of this contract with L-3 MAS," said Dr. Gumley. "L-3 MAS, with its industry partners, worked in true partnership with the Tactical Fighter Support and Program Office (TFSPPO) to deliver all milestones as planned. The operational community has been well served, and the CBR has brought extended life to our venerable Hornet fleet."

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