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## News Release

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### **L-3 MAS Awarded \$468 Million CF-18 Contract** *Government of Canada chooses L-3 MAS to maintain its fighter aircraft*

*“The Government of Canada’s confidence has enabled L-3 MAS to become a true centre of excellence, with all the expertise we need to provide in-service support for the Canadian Forces’ next generation of fighter aircraft.”*

Sylvain Bédard, President, L-3 MAS

MIRABEL, Quebec, September 1, 2010 – L-3 MAS announced today that its maintenance contract for the Canadian Forces CF-18 fleet has been renewed.

In the presence of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, senior representatives of the Department of National Defence, as well as several employees, L-3 MAS celebrated the award of this new contract valued at \$468 million, which will run from 2010 to 2017, with an option for three additional years. With this award, L-3 has been assigned the task of maintaining Canada’s fleet of fighter planes until the end of their life-cycle.

Approximately 400 employees at the company’s facilities in Mirabel, Bagotville, Quebec, and Cold Lake, Alberta, will perform the necessary work on this contract.

“As the leading private supplier of aircraft in-service support to the federal government, this announcement is a welcome continuation of a long tradition of cooperation between the DND and L-3 MAS,” announced Sylvain Bédard, president of L-3 MAS. “The Canadian government is much more than a valued partner; it has played a huge role in making L-3 MAS a major player in the aerospace industry, enabling us to achieve an unequalled level of expertise and a reputation for excellence that is now recognized around the world.”

For close to 25 years, L-3 MAS has been involved in managing and maintaining the CF-18 Hornet fleet. With the Canadian government’s renewed confidence in its unique knowledge and

the expertise of its team, L-3 MAS pledged to work with the authorities so that it can continue to be a preferred supplier to the Canadian Forces.

“Our partnership with the DND has been very solid to date, and we plan to ensure that it continues for a long time,” Bédard continued. “In this regard, L-3 MAS will be able to support the federal government in defining in-service support solutions for the next generation of Canadian fighter aircraft, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. We can adapt our platforms to offer customized solutions and help the government extend the life-cycle of these future fighter planes, increase their operational capabilities and reduce support and operating costs.”

**About L-3 MAS**

L-3 MAS (Canada) Inc., a division of L-3’s Integrated Systems Group, is among Canada’s leading providers of aircraft life-cycle extension services, aircraft in-service support services and aerostructures to government and commercial customers. L-3 MAS is headquartered in Mirabel, Quebec, and employs 1,100 people at operating centres across Canada and in Williamstown, Australia. To learn more about L-3 MAS, please visit the company’s website at [www.L-3com.com/mas](http://www.L-3com.com/mas).

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