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### **C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft Fleet Reaches Flight-Hour Milestone; Training and Deliveries Continue**

WACO, Texas, June 21, 2010 – The C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) Team, led by L-3 Communications, announced today that the United States' C-27J JCA fleet has logged 1,000 flight hours. The fleet includes the recently delivered third and fourth aircraft. The four delivered aircraft are supporting aircrew training and Product Qualification Testing (PQT). The training, which is being conducted at the program's newly established schoolhouse, is scheduled to continue throughout this year and will be accelerated as operational demands increase.

“Our team recognizes the pressing operational needs for this fleet and remains focused on swiftly delivering both C-27J JCA aircraft and training without sacrificing quality,” said James Burkhardt, president of L-3 Platform Integration.

“The achievement of 1,000 flight hours is very significant,” said Giuseppe Giordo, president and CEO of Alenia North America. “It attests to the reliability of the aircraft and the effectiveness of the logistical support provided by Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), L-3 Vertex maintainers and the technical support/logistics group of Alenia Aeronautica. We are confident that the achievements of this fleet will continue to grow.”

Pilot and Loadmaster training activities are being supported by the GMAS-owned Test Bed Aircraft and conducted by GMAS and L-3 Link Simulation & Training. In addition, a C-27J JCA Fuselage Trainer (FuT) is scheduled for installation at the schoolhouse in the third quarter of this year. The full-motion Operational Flight Trainer (OFT) is scheduled to be complete in the fourth quarter of next year.

The program is proceeding to Multi-Service Operational Test and Evaluation (MOT&E) with two Army and two Air Force crews. These crews will fly a rigorous test schedule in proving out the C-27J JCA's operational capabilities.

**About L-3 Communications**

L-3 Integrated Systems Group (L-3 ISG) develops and integrates defense and commercial technology for U.S. and allied customers worldwide. L-3 ISG has more than five decades of experience in the development of complex intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; command and control; and secure communications. It is recognized internationally as a systems integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes. L-3 ISG is a leader in advanced technologies for signal processing, electronic countermeasures, sensor development and aircraft self-protection. Systems provided or maintained by L-3 ISG help protect military and civilian personnel, bases, assets and national borders throughout the world.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs approximately 67,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems, aircraft modernization and maintenance and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of electronic systems used on military and commercial platforms. The company reported 2009 sales of \$15.6 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com](http://www.L-3com.com).

**About Alenia North America**

Alenia North America is a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica Group. Its mission is to further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Alenia North America has offices located in Seattle, Washington; Long Beach, California; Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna, Georgia. Alenia North America has two wholly owned subsidiaries: Alenia North America - Canada, which has offices in Ottawa, Canada; and Alenia North America Defense, which is located in Washington, D.C. Alenia North America is also a shareholder in Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS).

The C-27J is the world leader in the twin-engine military tactical aircraft market and has been sold to the U.S., Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania and Morocco. Other Alenia North America products include the C-27/G.222 tactical transport aircraft and the M-346 Advanced Jet Trainer (produced by its sister company, Alenia Aermacchi, 100% owned by Alenia Aeronautica) and Light Attack aircraft, both of which are currently competing in the U.S. market.

**About GMAS**

Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), a joint venture between Alenia North America and L-3 Integrated Systems, is a center of excellence to support the C-27J in North America. GMAS is headquartered in Madison, Mississippi. GMAS is responsible for system engineering integration, avionics upgrades, training and logistics support for the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft.

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