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LOCKHEED MARTIN SHOWCASES F-35 COCKPIT DEMONSTRATOR DURING COMPANY VISIT AT COBHAM

F-35 program will serve as a cornerstone of global security and create jobs across the U.S.

SAN DIEGO, CA, May 17, 2011 – Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] today showcased its F-35 Lightning II mobile cockpit demonstrator to employees, state and local elected officials, other stakeholders and the news media at Cobham Sensor Systems, a local supplier for the F-35 program.

“The F-35 Lightning II is the world’s most advanced military aircraft and it is important for our supplier companies and other stakeholders to experience firsthand its superior performance capabilities,” said Stephen Callaghan, Director of F-35 Programs, Washington Operations. “The U.S. and our allies have invested in developing this 5th Generation, multirole fighter aircraft for over a decade. And, the F-35 program significantly impacts the U.S. economy, directly and indirectly generating over 127,000 jobs.”

“The F-35 depends on more than 100 Cobham products in its radar and self protection units,” said Eric Forstner, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Cobham Sensor Systems San Diego. “Having this demonstrator on site provides our employees, community leaders and elected officials a great opportunity to better understand how all the systems on this aircraft work together to make it the world’s most effective multi-role fighter.”

Currently, the F-35 program provides nearly 26,000 direct and indirect jobs for California and more than \$4 billion in economic impact across the state. These employment figures and economic impact numbers are anticipated to increase as the program reaches full-rate production.

During today’s event, executives and employees from Cobham and other F-35 supplier companies, elected officials and community leaders received an update on the status of the program and had the opportunity to “fly” the F-35 cockpit demonstrator and experience firsthand how advanced stealth, fighter agility and integrated information make the F-35 the most capable multirole fighter in the world. The cockpit is visually and audibly interactive and provides a realistic look at the F-35’s performance, air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities, sophisticated sensor fusion and advanced computational capabilities.

The F-35 program has suppliers in 47 states and directly and indirectly employs more than 127,000 people, building and sustaining a highly skilled workforce critical to national security and economic prosperity. Additionally, thousands more are employed in the F-35 partner countries, which include the United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Canada, Australia, Denmark and Norway.

The F-35 Lightning II is a 5th Generation fighter, combining advanced stealth with fighter speed and agility, fully fused sensor information and network-enabled operations.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 132,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation's 2010 sales from continuing operations were \$45.8 billion.

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