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**News for immediate release**

**L-3 MAS AWARDED CF-18 OPTIMIZED WEAPON SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

**MIRABEL, Québec, August 31, 2011** – L-3 MAS announced today that it has been awarded a contract by the Government of Canada to implement the Prime Air Vehicle (PAV) Optimized Weapon System Support initiative on the CF-18 fighter fleet. The program will streamline CF-18 supply chain management by making L-3 MAS the sole company responsible and accountable to the Government for the majority of the fleet’s aircraft and component maintenance. The potential value of the seven-year contract is expected to exceed C\$80 million, and also includes a three-year extension option for a total value of up to C\$110 million.

L-3 MAS welcomed this new award, which represents an important milestone in the history of the CF-18 and the company. In attendance at the contract announcement were the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry and Minister of State (Agriculture), aerospace industry representatives and government officials, as well as hundreds of L-3 employees.

“We are very excited to implement this Optimized Weapon System Support initiative, which will consolidate all PAV system support activities for the CF-18 Hornet fleet,” said Sylvain Bédard, president of L-3 MAS. “L-3 MAS has been providing effective management and maintenance of this fleet for over 25 years. This latest contract demonstrates the Government of Canada’s continued confidence in our centre of excellence for fighter aircraft services and enhances our integration capabilities by deepening our expertise in fighter aircraft supply chain management.”

“Our company possesses unique skills that meet the Royal Canadian Air Force’s aircraft maintenance service needs. We are proud to support the Government of Canada, which has been instrumental in helping us become a major aerospace industry player by allowing us to build a reputation for excellence that is recognized around the world. Last year, The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, was on-site for the announcement of our contract renewal for the CF-18 fleet through 2017, with three option years that extend the contract through 2020, and we are ready to support CF-35 sustainment responsibilities, effectively and with enthusiasm,” concluded Mr. Bédard.

**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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