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Barco selected to join the L-3 Communications Display Systems' F-35 Joint Strike Fighter International Integrated Product Development Team

Asian Aerospace, Singapore, 21 February 2006 – Visualization specialist Barco announced today that it has been selected by L-3 Communications, through its Display Systems division (L-3 display Systems), to provide technology for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Panoramic Cockpit Display (PCD). Under the terms of the agreement, Barco will join the International Integrated Product Development Team (I-IPDT, led by L-3 Display Systems, who is under a Lockheed Martin Aeronautics contract) that will design, qualify and manufacture the PCD including a highly redundant F-35 JSF PCD display management computer subsystem. The Barco PCD contract content holds a potential value of over \$15 million over the life of the JSF program.

The Lockheed Martin F-35 is a 5th generation, supersonic, multi-role stealth fighter designed to replace aging AV-8B Harriers, A-10s, F-16s, F/A-18 Hornets and United Kingdom Harrier GR.7s and Sea Harriers. The aircraft is being built in three variants: a conventional take-off and landing aircraft for the U.S. and other Air Forces; a carrier based variant for the U.S. Navy; and a short take-off and vertical landing aircraft for the U.S. Marine Corps, the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. More than 2,500 Joint Strike Fighters are projected to enter service with the United States and United Kingdom. Many other armed forces around the world also are making plans to operate F-35s. First flight is planned for fall 2006, with delivery of the first operational aircraft scheduled for 2009.

L-3 Display Systems will lead Barco and other I-IPDT members to design, qualify and manufacture the high-resolution, high-brightness, night vision-compatible 20" x 8" active matrix liquid crystal display and a highly redundant display management computer. The F-35 PCD provides pilot control and display for the major functions of the F-35 aircraft, including flight displays, sensor displays, communication, radio and navigation systems and identification systems, and provides the pilot with total situational awareness.

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About L-3 Communications

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading provider of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training and government services. The company is a leading merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products, including guidance and navigation, sensors, scanners, fuzes, data links, propulsion systems, simulators, avionics, electro optics, satellite communications, electrical power equipment, encryption, signal intelligence, antennas and microwave components. L-3 also supports a variety of Homeland Security initiatives with products and services. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

To learn more about L-3 Communications, please visit the company's web site at www.L-3Com.com.

About L-3 Communications Display Systems

L-3 Display Systems, located in Alpharetta, Georgia, specializes in the design, development and manufacture of ruggedized display systems for the world's most demanding applications. L-3 Display Systems' product line includes a wide variety of displays and processors available to meet a multitude of system architectures for airborne, shipboard and ground-based applications.

To learn more about L-3 Display Systems, please visit the company's web site at www.L-3Com.com/displays.

About Barco

Barco, an international company headquartered in Kortrijk, Belgium, provides visualization and display solutions for professional markets. Barco designs and develops solutions for large screen visualization, display solutions for life-critical applications, and systems for visual inspection. Barco is active worldwide and has its own facilities for Sales & Marketing, Customer Support, R&D and Manufacturing in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. Barco is quoted on Euronext Brussels and is a BEL 20 and a Next 150 company (Euronext: BAR; Reuters: BARbt.BR; Bloomberg: BAR BB).

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