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Lockheed Martin recognition of Dutch industry's innovative contribution to the F-35 JSF Program

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Leeuwarden Air Base, The Netherlands

On June 17, at 2.30 PM on Leeuwarden Airbase, The Netherlands, Mr. Dana Pierce, Lockheed Martin Country Manager for The Netherlands, 27 certificates of appreciation were presented to Dutch firms and the knowledge institutes actively involved in the development of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The certificates were presented at the Air Force Open Days, where participating Dutch companies – the far majority of which are Small & Medium sized Enterprises (SME) – collectively show their involvement and achievements in the JSF program to the general public.

By presenting these certificates, it is the first time in Europe that Lockheed Martin officially recognizes the capabilities and contributions of the companies and R&D infrastructure of a partner country. "With these certificates we want to show our appreciation of the quality and highly innovative Dutch industrial contribution to the program" says Tom Burbage, Lockheed Martin Executive Vice President and General Manager for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. "Their invaluable contribution is a key factor in the successful program execution, leading up to a first flight later this year. The Netherlands companies really live up to our expectations. Their demonstrated achievements put them in an excellent position to be awarded more contracts in the program phases to come".

The Dutch companies and institutes involved are: ADSE Consulting & Engineering Services, Airborne Composites, Askové Kunststof Industrie, ATS Kleizen, Axxiflex Turbine Tools, Bosch Rexroth, Brandt Fijnmechanische Industrie, DAP Technology, Dutch Space, DutchAero, Eurocast, INHOLLAND, JTAG, Machinefabriek Bouman, Moog FCS, Nationaal Lucht- en Ruimtevaartlaboratorium, Nedtech Engineering, Perot Systems Nederland, Philips Components, Sun Electric Systems, Stepco Group, Stork Aerospace, Thales Cryogenics, Thales Nederland, TNO, TU Delft Faculteit Lucht- en Ruimtevaarttechniek and UGS.

The collective presentation of the JSF related companies and institutes at the RNLAf Open Days started 3 years ago at Volkel Air Base and has grown ever since. It is an excellent venue to show the interested public how the Dutch companies, R&D institutes and universities are already involved in JSF. The total volume of JSF related work so far amounts to some 630 million dollar, positioning Dutch industry for a multitude of this figure in JSF production and sustainment.

The nine country JSF program is developing a family of three highly common, 5TH Generation stealth aircraft. First flight of the first conventional F-35A test aircraft is planned for later this year. The partner countries are in the final stage of preparations for the agreement that will take them to the production, sustainment and follow-on development phase of the program, which is expected to be approved and signed in December of this year.

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