



## **Global Military Aircraft Systems To Demonstrate C-27J Military Transport in the United States**

### ***Nationwide Tour to Highlight Critical Benefits of C-27J***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – MAY 5, 2005 – Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), the joint venture of L-3 Integrated Systems and Alenia North America, Inc. (a Finmeccanica company), today announced that the C-27J Spartan military transport aircraft – a leading contender for the U.S. Army’s Future Cargo Aircraft (FCA) program – will soon embark on a tour of the United States for demonstrations and display.

The GMAS C-27J Spring 2005 Demonstration Tour will begin in Washington, D.C. and continue with stops at a number of airbases in the southeastern and central United States. The tour will include flying demonstrations and loading demonstrations in selected locations. A second tour is planned for later this year. This will be the fourth tour of the C-27J in North America

The FCA program is a key component in the Army’s transformation of its fixed wing fleet which calls for the procurement of a new fleet of cargo fixed wing aircraft. To support the future force, the FCA must be a multifunctional aircraft, able to perform logistical re-supply, medevac, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance, and missions in support of Homeland Security.

“The C-27J is interoperable with existing U.S military assets, including heavier air lifters such as the C-130 and rotor wing assets such as the CH-47, providing enhanced operational flexibility that is essential in today’s high-threat environments,” said Bob Drewes, President of L-3 Integrated Systems. “This demo tour provides us with an opportunity to demonstrate many of the characteristics that make the C-27J Spartan the most capable aircraft in its class.” A proven tactical airlift, the C-27J is currently under production for the Italian Air Force and the Hellenic Air Force.

“The C-27J Spartan was designed specifically for military operations,” said Giuseppe Giordo, President and CEO of Alenia North America, Inc. “Unlike other intra-theater medium lift aircraft, which are commercial derivatives, this aircraft is a true military air lifter, designed specifically for multi-mission, intra-theater operations where a rugged and flexible aircraft with extreme short take off and landing capability is required. The C-27J is suitable for missions including cargo transport, troop transport, material and paratroop air drop, medical evacuation, and fire-fighting.”

Under the joint venture agreement, L-3 Integrated Systems (L-3/IS) and Alenia North America (Alenia) jointly manage GMAS. L-3/IS is a leader in aircraft modernization, systems integration, contractor logistics support, training, and simulation. Alenia is a leader in the design and manufacturing of commercial and military aircraft. For additional information on GMAS please visit [www.C-27J.com](http://www.C-27J.com).

L-3/IS is recognized internationally as a system integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes, and the study, design, development, and

integration of special mission systems for military and commercial applications. The company has modified more than 15,000 different aircraft of more than 125 types. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3/IS operates from multiple sites in Texas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama and Australia.

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 and is a merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products. 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](http://www.L-3Com.com).

Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington D.C. and also has offices in Seattle, Long Beach, Fort Worth and Ottawa, Canada. Alenia North America is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica. Alenia North America has more than 300 employees in the United States and has been entrusted by its parent company to consolidate and further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America. It is the company utilized for major aeronautical programs and collaborative Joint Ventures with major U.S. companies.

Alenia Aeronautica, headquartered in Rome, Italy is a company of the Finmeccanica Group. Alenia Aeronautica has revenues in excess of 1.2 billion Euros and a total work force of more than 8,600 employees. Its main activities comprise design and production of commercial and military aircraft, design and production of aerostructures for military and civil aircraft through Aeronavali, a wholly owned subsidiary, the overall maintenance and modification of military and civil aircraft. Alenia Aeronautica is a partner of and cooperates with the major global aerospace groups, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Airbus, EADS, Dassault, BAE Systems and Vought.

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