Boeing: Project Vigilare Command and Control System Passes Factory Acceptance Testing

BRISBANE, Queensland, Feb. 18, 2010 -- Boeing Defence Australia, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], this week announced that Project Vigilare, a Network Centric Command and Control System (NC3S) solution for the Royal Australian Air Force, has passed factory acceptance testing. The system, already installed at the Northern Regional Operational Centre (NROC), will undergo on-site acceptance testing in March and operational testing at mid-year before being accepted by the Commonwealth of Australia.

"This is the major engineering release for Vigilare, and one that will form the backbone of the Royal Australian Air Force's network-centric warfare capability for years to come," said Steve Parker, Boeing Defence Australia vice president and general manager for Network & Space Systems – Australia. "Achieving this milestone demonstrates the significant steps we have made with our program partners and our customer toward delivery of Vigilare's operational capability."

The factory acceptance testing took place at Boeing's System Integration Laboratory in Brisbane between Jan. 18 and Feb. 5. It verified system-level requirements for delivery of the NROC system.

"This successful test of NC3S capability for NROC not only demonstrates the readiness of this battle management system for Australian operations, it also highlights the product's readiness for sale on the international market," said Charles Toups, Network & Tactical Systems vice president and general manager for Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Developed by Boeing Defence Australia, NC3S integrates advanced technologies that combine data from land, sea, air and space platforms, sensors, data links and intelligence agencies to provide tactical and strategic-level surveillance and battlespace management operations across wide geographic regions.

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