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Dr Stephen Gumley Opens Raytheon Static Line Display

AVALON – 10 March 2009: The Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation, Dr Stephen Gumley, today officially opened Raytheon's static line display at the Australian International Air Show.

In welcoming Dr Gumley to the Raytheon display, the Managing Director of Raytheon Australia, Mr Ron Fisher, said "a focal point of Raytheon's activities during the Australian International Air Show will be its presence on the static line and we are delighted that Dr Gumley has afforded us the opportunity to show him some of our important capabilities."

Mr Fisher said "Raytheon's display features two trailers demonstrating Raytheon's capabilities for Aerospace Training Solutions and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance as well as aircraft platforms.

"In an innovative use of the static line, Raytheon's Aerospace Training Solutions Training Concept Demonstrator shows how the company's systems engineering approach will increase the effectiveness of military flying training. The display shows how Raytheon and its partners will seek to meet the challenges of AIR5428 (Pilot Training System) and AIR9000 Phase 7 (Helicopter Aircrew Training System) by tailoring training systems to deliver quantifiable results, operational readiness and enhanced decision superiority for military aviators.

"For the pilot training pursuit Raytheon is offering up the CT-4F aircraft which will be on the static line and the Beechcraft T-6C aircraft. The T-6C is a platform possessing 85 per cent commonality with the successful T-6A aircraft selected by the US military, the Hellenic Air Force and NATO Flying Training in Canada and with capabilities far greater than any primary competitors.

With a high level of mission systems commonality with the T-6 aircraft, the new CT-4F is a more advanced basic trainer equipped for battle management skills. Like the T6, the CT-4F system has been developed to support a fully integrated training spectrum for the ADF.

"Also on display on the static line is Raytheon's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Demonstrator which shows the importance of network centric solutions to meeting Australia's ISR challenges.

"Our demonstrator shows the potential of Raytheon's Distributed Common Ground System Integrated Backbone (DIB) technologies in the Australian Defence information environment. As Defence implements its ISR Roadmap one of the roles that Raytheon seeks to play is by contributing technologies that provide for seamless intelligence data sharing and collaboration.

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“Raytheon’s static line is completed by its highly effective Electronic Warfare Training Services aircraft, a highly modified Lear 35 aircraft operating a suite of complex mission equipment.”

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With facilities located across the country, Raytheon Australia is a highly capable prime contractor with an engineering and technical workforce of 1300 backed by world-class management and quality systems. This local presence is bolstered by strong relationships with small and medium sized enterprises and access to the global resources of Raytheon Company.

Raytheon Company, with 2008 sales of \$23.2 billion, is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defence, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world. With a history of innovation spanning 87 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in the areas of sensing; effects; and command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as a broad range of mission support services. With headquarters in Waltham, Mass., Raytheon employs 73,000 people worldwide.

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