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## **Raytheon Australia Launches Training Support Network**

SYDNEY – 28 January 2010: As part of its strategic efforts to help provide for the preparedness of the Australian Defence Force, Raytheon Australia today launched its new Training Support Network at the Pacific 2010 Maritime Exposition.

In announcing the Network at the company's Pacific 2010 exhibition stand Raytheon Australia's General Manager, Business Development, Mr Gerard Foley, hailed the initiative as an important new way for the ADF to enlist the capabilities of skilled Australian SME's to help meet their training needs.

Mr Foley said "Raytheon Australia's new Training Support Network will bring together the considerable training resources of Raytheon with the niche capabilities and expertise of Australian SME's who will act as members of the Network.

"Raytheon has a great pedigree as a mission systems integrator for training and we provide full-spectrum training and support to government and military customers worldwide. In Australia our experience extends to the Hornet Aircrew Training System, our Electronic Warfare Training System and the AWD Training System. Our new Training Support Network will draw on this pedigree and complement it with particular capabilities offered by small business.

"From our customer's perspective, Raytheon will act as the prime supplier ensuring accountability for the quality of the final training product. The military will also be assured that our Network members have been chosen on the basis of Raytheon's quality assured supply chain management process including the undertaking of important technical assessments. This will demonstrate that these organisations not only meet Raytheon Australia's requirements but the regulatory requirements of the ADF including those under its Defence Training Model.

"I am delighted to announce that the proudest new member of the Raytheon Australia Training Support Network is Multimedia Concepts Pty Ltd (MMC). This is a small Australian company formed almost 20 years ago and provides specialist digital multimedia development services to the ADF and other clients. MMC has produced over 1000 hours of highly interactive and engaging online learning, particularly to defence customers.

"Innovative and talented SME's will be fundamental to the success of Raytheon Australia's new Training Support Network. We are excited about this initiative and its potential to help meet the force preparedness objectives of the ADF," Mr Foley said.

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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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