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Raytheon Australia leads Defence Industry in Process Maturity

CANBERRA – 12 February 2010: Raytheon Australia’s Managing Director, Michael Ward, today announced the company had achieved Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 3 across the organisation.

CMMI is a model based process improvement framework that has been developed with Defence and industry by the Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute. The model covers a range of process areas including business management, project management, engineering and support.

The completion of external appraisals means that Raytheon Australia is the first defence company in the country to achieve the DMO’s industry target of CMMI Level 3 across its organisation.

Mr Ward said “This is the result of a long term commitment by Raytheon. It has taken us five years and significant investment to achieve this level of process maturity across our entire Australian enterprise. We now have strong business processes across the company that are fully integrated into our many projects.

He said that over the past 10 years Raytheon Australia has continued to invest and develop local capability and this was further recognition of the success of that endeavour.

“This is external validation that our customers can rely upon Raytheon to have the best engineering and project management processes in Australian defence industry; processes that underpin every project we undertake.”

Mr Ward paid credit to those in his company who had worked tirelessly to develop processes, apply them in projects and who had participated in external appraisals.

“Now that we have reached this milestone I am determined that we secure these gains. We will continue to invest in CMMI to maintain our industry leadership and to ensure that we can adapt to market demands and continue to be a trusted partner for our Australian customers,” Mr Ward 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.

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