Lockheed Martin's C-130J Super Hercules: The Proven Airlifter Of Choice Showcased At Seoul Air Show

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Lockheed Martin officials briefed reporters Tuesday at the Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition about the proven capabilities of the C130J Super Hercules, all of which are key components in aiding global security. Attendees gained insight into how the C-130J meets 90 percent of the world's airlift needs, how the aircraft is used today and its future capabilities.

More air forces worldwide are lining up to take advantage of the C-130J's unique mix of agility and performance to deploy troops, transport supplies, and provide disaster and humanitarian relief to the most remote and austere areas of the world. Within the last year, the C130J family has expanded to include Norway, India, Qatar, Iraq and Oman.

"One day, these C-130Js are involved in humanitarian missions; the next, they are deploying to a combat theater," said Jack Crisler, Lockheed Martin vice president for the C-130J program. "Everyone is now seeing firsthand just how essential this plane is for air forces worldwide every day."

Thanks to worldwide operators flying six configurations of the aircraft, the C-130J has more than 500,000 flight hours on record and with numerous examples to show that it is proven in:

- -- Design
- -- Production
- -- Multimission flexibility
- -- Operations
- -- Reliability and sustainability
- -- Multirole capabilities

C-130Js are engaged in high-tempo operations in multiple combat theaters and are routinely deployed in support of both peacekeeping and humanitarian missions. The C-130J has been selected by 10 nations, with 177 aircraft delivered through the second quarter of this year. The C-130J is a flexible, multimission aircraft that has been delivered in multiple and varied configurations to meet a wide range of operational needs.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2008 sales of \$42.7 billion.

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