Lockheed Martin Delivers First Production C-5M Super Galaxy To U.S. Air Force

MARIETTA, Ga., Sept. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) completed delivery of the first production C-5M Super Galaxy at a ceremony here today with officials from Air Mobility Command, Air Force Material Command and Dover Air Force Base, Del.

This is also the first C-5M to sport the newSuper Galaxy tail flash and nose art.

"We are thrilled to add another superstar to the strategic airlift fleet for the Air Force," saidLorraine Martin, Lockheed Martin C-5 program vice president. "This delivery marks the next chapter in making sure the warfighter is provided with an unprecedented capability and reliability."

The C-5M program calls for Lockheed Martin to modernize a total of 52 C-5s: 49 B-, two C- and one A-model aircraft through the Reliability Enhancement and Re-Engining Program (RERP). The program incorporates more than 70 changes and upgrades, including newer, quieter General Electric engines making the C-5M more reliable and 10 percent more fuel efficient than legacy C-5s.

The Super Galaxy is the only U.S. strategic airlifter capable of flying unrefueled directly from the U.S. to any area of operations.

The C-5M's demonstrated improvements in performance and efficiency validate the value to the taxpayer of modernizing proven and viable aircraft. The C-5 can carry twice the cargo of other strategic airlift systems and is the only strategic airlifter capable of carrying 100 percent of certified air-transportable cargo.

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