

Lockheed Martin Delivers Morocco's First Advanced F-16s

MARRAKECH, Morocco, Aug. 4, 2011 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- The Royal Moroccan Air Force (RMAF) unveiled the first four of 24 Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) F-16 aircraft in a ceremony today at Ben Guerir Air Base in Morocco. Senior representatives from the Moroccan and U.S. governments and air forces were present for the historic event.

This is Morocco's first experience with the F-16 so the package being provided by the U.S. government is comprehensive. Morocco will acquire a Block 52 configuration of the F-16C/D aircraft tailored to meet the specific requirements of the RMAF. The sale includes the aircraft, mission equipment and a support package provided by Lockheed Martin and other U.S. and international contractors. The new aircraft will supplement the RMAF's existing fleet of fighter aircraft and will contribute to the upgrade and modernization of the RMAF.

"The delivery of these aircraft places Morocco among the very elite group of air forces of the world who operate the advanced multirole F-16," said Ralph D. Heath, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Aeronautics business area.

The F-16 is the choice of 25 nations. More than 4,400 aircraft have been delivered worldwide from assembly lines in five countries. The F-16 program has been characterized by unprecedented international cooperation among governments, air forces and aerospace industries. Major upgrades to all F-16 versions are being incorporated to keep the fleet modern and fully supportable over the aircraft's long service life.

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