

Unmanned Aircraft Partnership Reaches Major Milestone

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 30, 2014 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- A team of research students and staff from Warsaw University of Technology have successfully demonstrated the first phase of flight test and integration of unmanned aircraft platforms with an autonomous mission control system. The demonstration marks a significant milestone in a partnership between the university and Lockheed Martin that began earlier this year.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our students to collaborate with a global leader in aerospace engineering to develop complex control software," said Professor Janusz Narkiewicz, the leader and scientific manager of the project from Warsaw University of Technology. "The project also integrates this control software onto multiple unmanned aircraft as part of a full flight test program."

The purpose of this project, which is principally staffed by university research students, is to optimize the performance of unmanned aerial vehicles when flying in fleets manned aircraft, in order to make the best use of available assets for any given mission. The program adds to Lockheed Martin's strong links with Polish industry and commitment to supporting the development of engineering excellence by partnering with academic and research institutions.

Lockheed Martin is a world leader in security and aerospace and a proud partner of the Polish Air Force, which operates some of the world's most advanced F-16 fighter aircraft and the versatile and dependable C-130 tactical airlifter. With an office in Warsaw, the company is pursuing a number of opportunities to expand long-term partnerships with Polish industry in both the defense and security sectors.

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