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SPARTA Awarded Contract for JAVELIN Missile Composite Airframe Components

SAN DIEGO, October 7, 2008 – SPARTA Composite Products (SPARTA) is a business unit of SPARTA Inc., a subsidiary of Cobham North America. Recently SPARTA was awarded a contract by the Raytheon/Lockheed Martin JAVELIN Joint Venture to continue production of composite airframe components for the JAVELIN Missile. This award is in conjunction with the JAVELIN JV's recently received \$111.6 million U.S. Army Global War on Terror supplemental contract for additional JAVELIN missiles and command launch units.

JAVELIN is the world's first man-portable fire-and-forget medium-range missile system. This compact, lightweight missile is designed for one-soldier operation in all environments. Designed to take the fight to the enemy, the compact, lightweight JAVELIN is ideally suited for one-soldier operation in all environments. The JAVELIN has been combat proven in Afghanistan and Iraq by U.S. and allied soldiers, Marines and Special Forces. Eleven countries have selected JAVELIN to meet anti-armor requirements



Since the early 1990's SPARTA has been involved in the design, development and production of JAVELIN composite airframe components: from EMD (Engineering, Manufacturing Development), through LRIP (Low Rate Initial Production) and into the MY (Multi-Year) phases. The composite components replaced the aluminum baseline components and reduced both weight and cost.

SPARTA uses its innovative net-shape matched metal molding process to produce the high tolerance parts to meet the strict tolerance and performance requirements. This program has been aided by the SPARTA development of three generations of dedicated, semi-automated machines to aid in the lay-up, consolidation and curing of the parts. Since the start of the JAVELIN program, SPARTA has delivered approximately 200,000 composite JAVELIN Missile Components.

Paul Oppenheim, SPARTA Vice President and General Manager, said, "we are very proud to play a vital role on this important program; to be a supplier to the JAVELIN JV and to participate in this key component that is a part of the U.S. Army's Global War on Terror. SPARTA's on-time delivery and excellent quality credentials on this program have led to several supplier awards in the past from our customers, and we remain committed to the JAVELIN program as one of our top priority programs."

SPARTA Composite Products (SPARTA) is an industry leader in high-volume production of composite products and sub-assemblies for aerospace and defense systems. The company's product areas include aircraft engine components, UAV components, aircraft components and sub-assemblies, munitions components and missile products. SPARTA is AS9100B:2004/ISO 9001:2000 Certified and specializes in compression molding, resin transfer molding (RTM) and hand layup/autoclave cure. SPARTA, Inc. is a systems engineering and advanced technology company headquartered in Lake Forest, CA. The corporation is dedicated to serving our nation's needs within our core business areas of strategic defense and offense systems, tactical weapons systems, space systems, and information systems.

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