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HÉROUX-DEVTEK'S LANDING GEAR DIVISION AWARDED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT FOR NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S NEXT GENERATION GLOBAL HAWK UAV PROGRAM

New contract consolidates the Company's position in UAV landing gear

Longueuil, Quebec, September 4, 2003—Héroux-Devtek Inc. (TSX: HRX), a leading Canadian manufacturer of aerospace and industrial products, today announced that it has been awarded a contract for the design and development of the landing gear for Northrop Grumman's next generation Global Hawk Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) for the U.S. Air Force. The contract is valued at \$CA6.6 million.

"This new contract is evidence of our continuing relationship with Northrop Grumman and consolidates our position as one of the leading designers and manufacturers of UAV landing gear," stated Gilles Labbé, President and CEO of Héroux-Devtek. "Being part of this advanced project adds to our chances of becoming the leading supplier of landing gear for UAVs andUCAVs."

Héroux-Devtek is the designer and supplier of the landing gear subsystem for the original Global Hawk UAV, currently used by the U.S. Air Force. Héroux-Devtek's development work, already in progress under a limited funding letter subcontract, is now formally contracted to the end of June 2006 with a goal to have a joint test program. Interest in the Global Hawk UAV has been growing in the international community, as well as various U.S. government departments like the U.S. Coast Guard. In the future, the fleet of the Global Hawk UAVs has the potential to grow to over a hundred aircraft.

The Global Hawk is a high-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial reconnaissance system designed to provide military field commanders with high resolution, near-real-time imagery of large geographic areas. The superior performance of the Global Hawk system will significantly enhance the U.S. military's ability to prevail in all types of operations, from sensitive peacekeeping missions to full-scale combat.

About Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems is a premier aerospace and defense systems integration enterprise with capabilities to design, develop, produce and support fully missionized integrated systems and subsystems. Integrated Systems deliver best-value solutions, products, and services in support of chosen segments within the broad market areas of battlespace awareness, command and control systems, and integrated combat systems

Profile

Héroux-Devtek Inc., a Canadian company, specializes in the design, development, manufacture and repair of aerospace and industrial products. The Company's head office is located in Longueuil, Quebec. Héroux-Devtek operates eight business units grouped under four divisions: the Landing Gear Division, Aerostructure Division, Gas Turbine Components Division and the Logistics and Defence Division. 75% of the Company's sales are outside Canada, mainly in the United States. Héroux-Devtek's shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HRX.

Forward-looking statements

Except for historical information provided herein, this press release may contain information and statements of a forward-looking nature concerning the future performance of the Company. These statements are based on suppositions and uncertainties as well as on management's best possible evaluation of future events. Such factors may include, without excluding other considerations, fluctuations in quarterly results, evolution in customer demand for the Company's products and services, the impact of price pressures exerted by competitors, and general market trends or economic changes. As a result, readers are advised that actual results may differ from expected results.

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