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Lockheed Martin partners with Saft to develop custom batteries for the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile

Lithium-ion batteries serve as the missile's on-board backup telemetry and flight termination systems

VALDESE, N.C. (December 11, 2008) — Saft, a world leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance batteries, has collaborated with Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control to design lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries for the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile (JASSM) program.

“Saft’s Li-ion technology is designed specifically for high-performance applications like the JASSM,” said Thomas Alcide, President of Saft America & General Manager for Saft’s Specialty Battery Group. “By integrating Saft’s proven Li-ion technology, the air-to-surface missiles will benefit from an extended life cycle and a wider operating temperature range, as well as the lighter weight of Li-ion”.

Designed as an autonomous, precision-standoff missile for the United States Air Force and Navy, JASSM will rely on Saft’s batteries to power two flight test unique systems, the missiles telemetry instrumentation kit (TIK) and a flight termination system. Saft will provide three separate batteries, made up of MP 144350 cells, to be loaded on each test missile. Together, the three batteries offer a complete, reliable power solution for the high-performance test missile.

The JASSM enables pilots to strike high-value, heavily-defended targets from well outside the range of enemy air defenses. The 2,250-pound missile has a range of more than 200 nautical miles and is designed to cruise in adverse weather, day or night. The missile’s 1,000-pound multi-purpose penetrator warhead and pinpoint accuracy make it highly effective against a wide range of enemy targets.

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world specialist in the design and manufacture of high-tech batteries for industry. Saft batteries are used in high performance applications such as industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, space and defense. Saft is the world’s leading manufacturer of nickel-cadmium batteries for industrial applications and of primary lithium batteries for a wide range of end markets. The group is also the European leader for specialized advanced technologies for the defense and space industries. With approximately 3,900 employees worldwide, Saft is present in 18 countries. Its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network enable the group to serve its customers worldwide. For more information, visit Saft at www.saftbatteries.com

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