

Kaman Delivers First of Two K-MAX Helicopters to Lockheed Martin In Support of Joint Manned-Unmanned Program

BLOOMFIELD, Conn., August 1, 2008 — The K-MAX[®] manned-unmanned helicopter program took an important step forward today when the Helicopters division of Kaman Aerospace delivered the first of two refurbished K-MAX helicopters to Lockheed Martin Systems Integration-Owego.

Kaman and Lockheed Martin in March 2007 signed a teaming agreement to develop and market a manned-unmanned version of the K-MAX vertical lift helicopter to government customers. Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor and systems integrator for the program. Kaman is responsible for K-MAX manufacturing and commercial sales.

During the milestone delivery, Kaman Helicopters Division President Sal Bordonaro presented Lockheed Martin pilot Jerry McCawley with the K-MAX Flight Log Book and training completion certificate. McCawley lifted off from the Kaman flight ramp immediately after the ceremony for the two-hour flight to Lockheed Martin's Owego, N.Y. Systems Integration facility where the aircraft will be used for test and development work.



*Pilot Jerry McCawley receives flight training certification
for the K-MAX Helicopter.*

“This is a great day and a proud moment for Kaman as we continue our efforts with Lockheed Martin to develop the unmanned K-MAX,” Bordonaro said. “K-MAX helicopters are bringing important new capabilities to the battlefield of the future. This is a game changer.”



Kaman Helicopters Division President Sal Bordonaro congratulates Jerry McCawley during presentation of the K-MAX Flight Log Manual.

Kaman is slated to deliver a second refurbished K-MAX later this summer.

The multi-mission K-MAX is a 6,000-pound power lifter that maintains performance in hot/high environments. It is well suited for an array of military missions, including aerial re-supply, sensor applications and weapons delivery. The aircraft may be operated as an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or with a pilot, depending on mission requirements. As a UAS, K-MAX can move supplies, ammunition, fuel or weapons without risk to personnel, operating 24/7 in adverse weather or in harsh terrain.

As a UAS, the aircraft utilizes Lockheed Martin’s KineForce™ Mission Management, which provides a single operator with full mission control. Lockheed Martin is also developing the aircraft’s avionics, sensors and weapons capabilities. The unmanned K-MAX will interface with existing ground control systems and operate with a small tablet controller for remote operations.

In April, the two companies demonstrated the feasibility of unmanned transport of supplies and ground troops to U.S. Army and Marine Corps officials at Fort Eustis, Va. The aircraft previously had demonstrated 12 hours of continuous flight as a UAS.

Certified by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1994, a fleet of K-MAX helicopters has flown more than 231,000 hours worldwide.

Kaman Aerospace Corporation is a subsidiary of Kaman Corporation (NASDAQ-GS:KAMN) of Bloomfield, Conn. The subsidiary is a subcontractor for complex metallic and composite structures and components for commercial, military and general aviation aircraft; designs and manufactures fuzing devices for the U.S. and allied militaries; and markets and supports its SH-2G and K-MAX helicopters.

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