

Kaman Helicopters Completes Digital Flight Control System Software Qualification Testing for Egyptian Super Seasprite Helicopter

Bloomfield, Conn. (Dec. 21, 2007) –Kaman Helicopters has successfully completed Formal Qualification Testing (FQT) of the Digital Automatic Flight Control System (DAFCS) Software for the Egyptian SH-2G(E) Super Seasprite helicopter. This marks a significant milestone in the Upgrade Program for the Egyptian Air Force (EAF). The EAF operates nine Super Seasprite helicopters out of their base at Borg El Arab, Egypt.

The FQT process is a comprehensive review of the entire software integration into the DAFCS that validates and qualifies every requirement as defined in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS). This testing was completed, witnessed by, and accepted by NAVAIR over a two-week period of time.

Under the auspices of a Foreign Military Sales program administered through NAVAIR, Kaman is upgrading the Egyptian SH-2G(E) fleet by adding a Digital Flight Control System, FLIR Systems SAFIRE II FLIR, ALE-47 Countermeasures System, GE/Smiths Health and Utilization Monitoring System (HUMS), APN-194 Radar Altimeter, and the AHS-1000 Attitude Heading Reference System. “These upgrades will significantly improve the maintainability, reliability, capabilities, and handling qualities of the helicopter.” according to Brad Cook, H-2 Egypt Upgrades Program Manager.

The DAFCS Software was developed, Flight Tested and Qualified specifically for the SH-2G(E) with oversight and approval by NAVAIR. Kaman expects deliveries of the upgraded aircraft to commence in the third quarter of 2008.

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

Kaman Corp., based in Bloomfield, Conn., conducts business in the aerospace, industrial distribution and music markets.

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