

Kaman Aerospace International Support Center (KAISC) – Supporting Fleet Introduction

Australian Air Show 2005, Avalon, Victoria, Australia, March 15, 2005 – Kaman Aerospace International Corporation is supporting the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) SH-2G(A) Super Seasprite Multi-Mission Helicopters through the Kaman Aerospace International Support Center (KAISC) in Nowra, NSW. The RAN 805 Squadron, “Check Mates,” receives production delivery services, training, maintenance, engineering and other technical services from the center. The KAISC is the first of its kind within the Australian Navy and delivers essentially, “everything but the first line wrench turners and the gas,” as one operator said.

The KAISC, part of Australia’s through-life support strategy for the Super Seasprite, is a team effort between the prime contractor Kaman Aerospace, Australia’s Scientific Management Associates (SMA), Safe Air Limited (Blenheim, New Zealand) and the Australian arm of Computer Science Corporation (CSC Australia).

Work began on the KAISC early in the development stages of the program of the aircraft and support of the aircraft was designed into the KAISC from its inception. “We were up and operational with trained subject matter experts from the start, allowing seamless transition of technical expertise on the SH-2G that might have taken years of RAN operation to achieve otherwise,” says Bruce Hamilton, KAISC Director. “We have a complete support capability in place now. A big part of that is the interim training helicopter (ITH) configuration flying with the squadron now *[on static display at AVALON]* – the training evolution in the RAN is netting significant value in advance of fully mission capable helicopters later this year.”

Australian companies have benefited from the support the program represents. The Shoalhaven Business Council, in the KAIC vicinity, confirms that the Kaman facility has been a major boost to employment since opening in 1999.

In addition to the SH-2G Maritime Helicopter, Kaman’s Aerospace segment markets the company’s K-MAX Aerial Truck helicopter, subcontract Aerostructures, designs and manufactures safe, arm and fuze devices for missiles and bombs, and is a leading manufacturer of specialty aircraft bearing products for the commercial and military aircraft.

Kaman Corporation (NASDAQ: KAMNA) conducts business in the aerospace, industrial distribution and music markets.

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