

Royal Australian Navy SH-2G(A) Super Seasprite

Australian Air Show 2005, Avalon, Victoria, Australia, March 15, 2005 – Kaman Aerospace International Corporation is completing delivery of 11 SH-2G(A) Super Seasprite Multi-Mission Maritime Helicopters to the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). [The RAN has two (2) SH-G(A) Super Seasprite helicopters on static display this week at Avalon.]

The RAN is presently operating eight (8) SH-2G(A) helicopters in the ITH or “Interim Training Helicopter” configuration – the ITH-configured fleet has already accumulated over 1,000 flight hours and has deployed aboard the RAN’s ANZAC-Class frigates.

Work continues toward delivery of the fully operational aircraft, the first of which is targeted for mid year 2005. The remaining work, encompassing ground and flight testing by Kaman and the RAN, will complete the integration of state-of-the-art weapons, sensors and communications systems for the two-aircrew helicopters. “The fully mission capable SH-2G(A) will provide the RAN with the ability to patrol more ocean, engage more threats farther from the ship with greater accuracy employing fewer aircrew all at lower total operating cost than any other fleet on the ocean,” said Steve Rutter, Kaman’s SH-2G(A) Program Director.

The SH-2G(A)’s impressive sensor/weapons fit includes:

- Imaging RADAR (Telephonics, Inc. USA) APS-143V(B)3 ISAR
- ESM (Elisra, Israel) AES-210 with automated Countermeasure Dispensing System (TRACOR, USA) ALE-47
- Third generation mid-wavelength FLIR (Raytheon, USA) AAQ-27
- Antiship Missile (Kongsberg, Norway) “Penguin” AGM-114

The SH-2G(A) is supported by the Kaman Aerospace International Support Center, Nowra, NSW, Australia which is a team facility including SMA (of Sydney), CSC Australia (of Sydney) and SAFE Air Limited (of Blenheim, New Zealand).

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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