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## **CEA AND NORTHROP GRUMMAN – RIGHT ON TARGET**

Northrop Grumman Corporation officially presented a rare World War II bombsight to the Australian War Memorial at a function co-hosted by CEA Technologies. The Norden bombsight, one of only three held by the original manufacturer, was used on Australian B25 Mitchell and B24 Liberator bombers. One of the most closely guarded secrets of the US military during WWII, the Norden bombsight was used to determine precisely when to release bombs to hit the target accurately. This also helped significantly with the survival of aircraft and crew as they could fly above anti-aircraft flak and still hit their target with reasonable accuracy. Coincidentally, Northrop Grumman is currently delivering the 21<sup>st</sup> century version of the bombsight for Australia's F/A-18 fighters, called the LITENING AT Targeting and Surveillance Pod.

The presentation was attended by senior government, defence and industry representatives. CEA and Northrop Grumman provided an update on their strategic relationship, with the companies already actively collaborating in Australia, the US and in other international markets. Initially focussed on the Naval radar market, this is now being expanded to include examining the airborne and land opportunities.

CEA Technologies Chief Executive Officer Mike Aitchison said, "Northrop Grumman and CEA are working collaboratively to enhance our respective leadership positions in the radar market world wide."

Northrop Grumman Sector Vice President and General Manager of the Systems Development and Technology Division Bob DuBeau said, "By combining CEA's technologies, skills and competencies with Northrop Grumman's capabilities as a systems provider and integrator, the strategic relationship has already improved both companies product offerings and provides more complete solutions to our customers".

CEA Technologies specialises in the design, development and manufacture of advanced radar and communications solutions, having supplied civil and military systems into land, maritime and air environments. CEA is a leading supplier of scalable active phased array radar for surveillance and missile fire control applications, maritime integrated communications systems and harbour and coastal surveillance systems.

Northrop Grumman is a global defence company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Northrop Grumman provides technologically advanced, innovative products, services and solutions in systems integration, defence electronics, information technology, advanced aircraft, shipbuilding and space technology. With more than 120,000 employees and operations in all 50 states and 25 countries, Northrop Grumman serves U.S. and international military, government and commercial customers.

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