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CEA TECHNOLOGIES INSTALLS FIRST CEA-MAST TRACK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR AUSTRALIAN FFG UPGRADE PROGRAM

As part of the Royal Australian Navy's FFG Upgrade program, CEA Technologies Pty Limited (CEA) has delivered the first of eight CEA-MAST Track Management Systems to prime contractor for the FFG Upgrade, ADI Limited. The system passed factory acceptance testing in December 2001 and has been installed at ADI's Land Based Test Site at Garden Island, Sydney. A total of eight systems will be supplied, with the first ship installation planned for 2003.

The CEA-MAST system is designed and manufactured by CEA to modernise the Adelaide Class Frigates' (also know as FFG 7 or Oliver Hazard Perry Class) detection and tracking performance, and provide a data-fusion capability. CEA-MAST integrates tracks and plots from the existing Weapons Control, Long Range Air Surveillance and Navigation Surface Search radars of the FFG to provide a multi-radar data-fusion capability, and output the CEA-MAST tracks to the Combat System. Previously the Combat System required the operator to manually select each radar and only allowed viewing one radar's output at a time. The CEA-MAST Track Management System uses the track and plot data from all three radars and allows the operator to view the fused output of all three radars simultaneously. The major benefit of this being more rapid track promotion, a critical capability in effective anti ship missile and anti-aircraft defence.

CEA-MAST can be optioned to include CEA's unique Ships Classification Software to identify the type of contact displayed, further enhancing situational awareness.

Peter Croser, CEA Managing Director commented: 'CEA has realised a major milestone in delivering the first of the CEA-Mast systems for the FFG Program. Our focus has been to meet the expectations of Defence and ADI in both delivery and strength of performance and this has been achieved.'

We have been working closely with ADI and the Project Office to provide the first system in support of the Integration Program.'

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