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## News

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### **L-3 Security & Detection Systems Receives U.K. Order for OptEX<sup>®</sup> Explosives Trace Detection Systems**

WOBURN, Mass., October 29, 2013 – L-3 Security & Detection Systems (SDS) today announced that British Airways has purchased 20 OptEX<sup>®</sup> explosives trace detection (ETD) units. The OptEX ETD system detects explosives in less than four seconds without a reference library and without an ionizing radiation source.

“We are pleased that British Airways has chosen our easy-to-use, efficient and economical OptEX ETD system,” said Thomas M. Ripp, president of L-3 Security & Detection Systems. “The unit’s unique and innovative energetic materials detection technology quickly and safely detects any explosive compounds, including homemade explosives.”

L-3’s OptEX provides better detection, faster screening and reduced operating costs. Energetic materials detection (EMD) is based on heat signatures that are characteristic of all energetic (explosive) materials, thus eliminating the need for an explosives library and enabling increased detection of homemade explosives formulations. Because no reference library is needed, the system never needs updating. Total cost of ownership is reduced through reusable sample wipes and fewer consumables. Users of every skill level can operate OptEX with minimal training.

#### **About L-3 Security & Detection Systems**

With more than 50,000 systems deployed and supported around the globe, L-3 Security & Detection Systems (SDS) is a leading supplier of security screening solutions. For more than 30 years, L-3 SDS has developed and manufactured cutting-edge products using advanced technologies that include 3-D computed tomography; automated, conventional and high-energy X-ray; radiation detection; active millimeter wave imaging; metal detection; and energetic trace explosives detection.

L-3 SDS solutions are used by the aviation and transportation industries, regulatory and customs authorities, government and law enforcement agencies, and commercial and other secure facilities. Applications include the screening of people, vehicles, baggage, cargo and packages for explosives, firearms, drugs, contraband and corporate assets. To learn more about L-3 SDS, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com/sds](http://www.L-3com.com/sds).

**About L-3 Communications**

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 employs approximately 51,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems, platform and logistics solutions, and national security solutions. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of electronic systems used on military and commercial platforms. The company reported 2012 sales of \$13.1 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com](http://www.L-3com.com).

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Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this news release are forward-looking statements. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to events or conditions or that include words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "will," "could" and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements set forth above involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from any such statement, including the risks and uncertainties discussed in the company's Safe Harbor Compliance Statement for Forward-Looking Statements included in the company's recent filings, including Forms 10-K and 10-Q, with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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