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### **Curtiss-Wright Among First Aerospace COTS Vendors to Meet New AS9100 rev D Aerospace Supplier Standard**

*Advanced processes and procedures already in place enable Curtiss-Wright Defense Solutions facilities in Ashburn, Va., Letchworth, UK, and Ottawa, Canada to be among first companies to earn certification for latest international aerospace quality standard*

**ASHBURN, Va. – July 27, 2017 –** [Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division](#) announced today that its facilities located in Ashburn, Va., Letchworth UK, and Ottawa, Canada have been [certified to the new AS9100 rev D industry-recognized international aerospace standard of quality management](#). Curtiss-Wright is one of the first commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) vendors to receive this stringent certification essential to operating in the highly regulated Aviation, Space and Defense (ASD) sector. Of the 19,000 companies registered to AS9100 rev C, Curtiss-Wright was one of the first 20 companies to be audited for the more stringent and demanding rev D certification. AS9100 rev D certification ensures Curtiss-Wright customers that the Company is better able to satisfy higher level, more demanding program requirements. It also reflects the strong relationships that Company has established and maintains between its suppliers and supplier management.

To achieve this coveted certification, Curtiss-Wright successfully underwent an audit and qualification process to demonstrate conformity to requirements concerning quality, safety, continuous improvement, risk management, project management and other key performance metrics. The AS9100 rev D certification provides Curtiss-Wright customers with confidence in the Company's processes and procedures and the quality of the products that it designs and manufactures. In addition, this accomplishment ensures customers of Curtiss-Wright's ability to rapidly adapt to emerging industry changes.

“Thanks to the strong processes that we already had in place, especially in the areas of risk-based thinking, counterfeit avoidance, longevity of supply and leadership knowledge, Curtiss-Wright is among the very first companies to receive certification to the new AS9100 rev D aerospace supplier quality standard,” said Lynn Bamford, Senior Vice President & General Manager, Curtiss-Wright Defense Solutions division. “This successful audit affirms our strong AS5553 process including procurement and component approval processes and counterfeit mitigation disciplines and ensures our aviation, space and defense customers that we meet the world’s highest quality standards.”

### **About the AS9100 Standard**

AS9100, overseen by the International Aerospace Quality Group, standardizes quality management system requirements and delivers quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing. The standard also drives cost reductions throughout the aerospace industry supply chain. The AS9100 audit was performed by TUV.

### **AS9100 and Curtiss-Wright**

Meeting AS9100 has become an increasingly important milestone for international suppliers of aerospace systems and components in order to be approved suppliers to industry leading partners such as Boeing, Airbus, Pilatus, Saab, Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin. The benefits of AS9100 certification for Curtiss-Wright include expanded market access as a result of a standardized process system recognized across the aerospace industry. Meeting AS9100 criteria also ensures Curtiss-Wright’s customers of its commitment to quality and builds upon their trust and confidence. In addition, AS9100 drives ongoing improvements in products and processes, reduces errors and customer returns, and increases customer satisfaction, resulting in reduced transaction costs.

### **Curtiss-Wright’s Commitment to Quality**

Curtiss Wright Defense Solutions is committed to leveraging its technology leadership to deliver products and services that meet or exceed customer requirements. Quality objectives and supporting actions are established in the Annual Operating Plan for customer satisfaction, employee development, operational excellence and financial performance to improve the Company’s competitive position. These objectives are monitored regularly to ensure continual improvement of the effectiveness of the Quality Management System.

For more information about Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division, please visit [www.curtisswrightds.com](http://www.curtisswrightds.com).

**About Curtiss-Wright Corporation**

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