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Curtiss-Wright Expands Secure Manufacturing Capabilities for Sensitive U.S. DoD Aerospace & Defense Programs

Expanded secure manufacturing further strengthens the Company's position as a leading supplier of non-proprietary, open standards-based electronic products

ASHBURN, Va. – March 15, 2017 -- [Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division](#) today announced that it has expanded its secure manufacturing capabilities for sensitive U.S. DoD aerospace and defense programs by contracting with Zentech Manufacturing, a premier electronics contract manufacturing company. The addition of Zentech to Defense Solutions' existing breadth of captive manufacturing capabilities and roster of U.S.-based contract manufacturers further strengthens Curtiss-Wright's ability to address sensitive program requirements and U.S. Government programmatic. [Curtiss-Wright's TrustedCOTS™ capabilities](#) satisfy the most demanding U.S. DoD Information Assurance requirements with the latest technologies supporting cybersecurity, critical program data, and intellectual property protection for critical deployed applications.

"We've heard the military systems user community and embedded system integrators communicate loudly and clearly that they want cost-effective open architecture electronic solutions," said Lynn Bamford, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Defense Solutions division. "As the premier and largest supplier of rugged COTS electronic solutions to the U.S. DoD, Curtiss-Wright supports and endorses the aerospace and defense market's strong push towards the use of truly open standards for both hardware and software. To that end, we are currently making very strategic investments with our customers to address the growing inventory of DoD programs and MoD programs around the world."

"We are very pleased to have been selected by Curtiss-Wright to support them in their strategic USA Eyes Only manufacturing following their very comprehensive evaluation of our capabilities, processes and personnel," remarked Matt Turpin, CEO and President of Zentech Manufacturing. "As one of the very few U.S. electronics contract manufacturers that is IPC Validation Certified as a Class 3 Trusted Source, and with a long legacy of high-performance in the military C4ISR sector, we

are confident that Zentech will meet the technological and manufacturing challenges of Curtiss-Wright's advanced product architecture.”

Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division, currently recognized as the #1 supplier of [VPX and VME open architecture system products](#) for U.S. military applications¹, is committed to providing non-proprietary, open standards-based technology solutions to support the warfighter. The Company's ability to deliver cost-effective commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) alternatives to proprietary offerings played a key and decisive role in the selection of Curtiss-Wright modules and systems to support highly sensitive, strategic U.S. DoD defensive radar system and Electronic Warfare (EW) programs during 2015 and 2016.

World's Leading Supplier of VPX Systems

In December 2016, the Defense Solutions division was ranked as the leading supplier in terms of market share for VPX and VME open architecture system products. According to a [recent market study by IHS Markit](#), a world leader in critical information, analytics, and solutions, Curtiss-Wright had the 2015 top-ranked positions for the VPX/VME system market, both in the Americas and Worldwide. Curtiss-Wright was ranked number one for the global VPX/VME system market and as number one supplier of VPX/VME system for the Americas.

Curtiss-Wright continues to build on the unmatched legacy of its founders, the famed aviation pioneers Glenn Curtiss and the Wright brothers. One of the New York Stock Exchange's longest listed U.S. public companies, Curtiss-Wright has a history of technological innovation and support for U.S. military programs that spans over 100 years, and is proud to lead the U.S. embedded electronics industry into the 21st Century.

For more information about Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division, please visit www.curtisswrightds.com.

About Curtiss-Wright Corporation

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a global innovative company that delivers highly engineered, critical function products and services to the commercial, industrial, defense and energy markets. Building on the heritage of Glenn Curtiss and the Wright brothers, Curtiss-Wright has a long tradition of providing reliable solutions through trusted customer relationships. The company employs approximately 8,000 people worldwide. For more information, visit www.curtisswright.com.

About Zentech Manufacturing

[Zentech Manufacturing, Inc.](#) is an engineering-driven contract manufacturer specializing in the design and manufacture of highly-complex electronic and RF circuit cards and assemblies. Operating in the DC-Baltimore Pentagon Region as a premiere provider of military C5ISR mission-critical electronic systems, Zentech maintains several key certifications, including ISO 9001:2008,

¹ Results based on IHS Markit Technology Embedded Computer Boards, Modules and Systems Intelligence Service Report – 2016 Edition. Results are not an endorsement of Curtiss-Wright. Any reliance on these results is at the third party's own risk. Visit www.technology.ihs.com for more details.

ITAR (US State Dept.), AS9100 (aerospace), and ISO 13485 (medical). Zentech is a certified IPC Trusted Source supplier for Class 3 mission-critical electronics, and the company is IPC J-STD-001 Space Addendum QML certified. Click [here](#) for drone video tour of Zentech Manufacturing. For more information visit www.zentech.com.

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