



**Babcock Canada and Leonardo Canada join Forces
for Canada's Future Aircrew Training (FAcT) Program**

Ottawa, ON, Canada 14th May 2021 –Babcock Canada and Leonardo Canada are pleased to announce that they have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to jointly pursue Canada's Future Aircrew Training Program (FAcT) and to create a Canadian joint venture.

This partnership between two companies with strong footprints in military pilot training, ensures that the FAcT program will benefit from the expertise and innovation made by two global players, each of which have over 70 years of aircrew training experience delivered around the world.

A modern air force needs an advanced training solution based on cutting-edge technology, focused on early streaming, and better output standards at lower costs. Babcock and Leonardo can offer a modern and comprehensive solution drawing on their long experience as leading providers of civil and military fixed-wing, rotary-wing and mission training services. The companies stand ready to offer an innovative and comprehensive turnkey solution to meet all of the Royal Canadian Air Force's training requirements.

Leonardo as a world leader in the training sector can cover the entire pilot training syllabus with a unique range allowing the training syllabus to be tailored to air force requirements. A complete Ground Based Training System (GBTS), which is perfectly integrated with the platforms, able to ensure both high quality training and strong operating efficiency, complements the aircraft. Platforms and systems offer customers worldwide a turnkey training solution that can guarantee the highest quality standards at every training stage. With a long heritage and its expertise in military pilot training, Leonardo has built about 2,000 trainers that have been sold to more than 40 countries.

From basic to advanced flying training for air forces, navies and armies, Babcock delivers unrivalled technical instruction across multiple locations and aircraft types. Whether it is providing technical training instruction, developing training materials or maintaining critical training assets, Babcock is trusted by its customers to deliver world-class training solutions.

Babcock Canada and Leonardo Canada are strongly committed to building a strong Canadian Team reinforcing their existing long-term relationships and partnerships with the Canadian Government and Canadian industries.

Notes to Editors:

About FAcT (Future Aircrew Training) program:

The Canadian government is seeking to procure a comprehensive aircrew training program that provides aircraft, ground based training systems, civilian instructors, as well as other essential services, such as air traffic control, aircraft and airfield maintenance, accommodation, and food services for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The 20-year contract, is expected to be awarded in 2023.

Babcock Canada

In the Marine sector, in Canada and around the world, our teams safely and efficiently support complex and critical assets on a large scale. We ensure our customers benefit from increased asset availability, improved efficiency and significantly reduced operating costs. Our Canadian team is proud to be trusted to deliver key naval in-service support for the Royal Canadian Navy. Since 2008, we have been providing platform design, integration, configuration, management services, and maintenance and waterfront support, ensuring complete lifecycle engineering support for Canada's fleet of Victoria-Class submarines. In the Aviation sector, Babcock ensures that the aircrew trainees of our partner nations receive the world's best flying training. We have over 1,300 pilots within Babcock, and work with air forces, navies and armies throughout Europe to deliver world-class technical instruction. Our expertise in each and all the associated support elements ensures the training programme is working as one. We also deliver vital aerial emergency services around the world. Whether it is fighting forest fires in Portugal, Italy or Canada, or operating emergency fleets of medical helicopters for the Italian or Norwegian governments, Babcock is an essential partner in complex and critical operations around the world.

In Canada, we are proud to have been selected by the Government of Manitoba to deliver their vital wildfire suppression services, as well as key components of their critical air ambulance services. Together, we are working to protect vulnerable communities and resources, and helping Manitobans.

Leonardo Canada

Leonardo is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security. Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK, Poland and the USA. A trusted Canadian partner for over 50 years, Leonardo is a leading provider of capabilities through innovative technologies and integrated services. Leonardo's Canadian subsidiary is based in Ottawa. Purpose built to serve the Canadian market, Leonardo's Canadian team leverages and draws upon the full strength and depth of the global company. Leonardo coordinates all commercial activities in Canada through the Ottawa-based team, including those activities related to Defence and Defence Systems, Aeronautics programmes for Air Traffic Control, Cyber Security and Automation with focus on solutions for airports, postal operators and couriers. Within the country, there are 50 civil, military and parapublic helicopters flying alongside 40 ATR aircraft. The Company has five authorised helicopter service centres. With 400 people working across five sites in Canada. Leonardo is investing in innovation, technology transfer, intellectual property, research and development, and long-term relationships and partnerships with the Canadian Government, Canadian industry including small to medium enterprises. Further to Leonardo's footprint, DRS Technologies Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of Leonardo DRS, is a leading Canadian defence electronics company, headquartered in Ottawa, Ontario, that specializes in military voice and data communications systems; electro-optics (EO) and infrared search and tracking systems (IRST); flight data recorders; emergency locator beacons; avionics systems engineering; and defence/space electronics manufacturing.

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