



ViaSat Selected by Northrop Grumman Australia to Deliver Next-Generation Satellite Communications Equipment for the Australian Defence Force

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CANBERRA, Australia, July 26, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [ViaSat Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global broadband services and technology company, today announced it was selected by Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) as a key partner in the delivery of a next-generation satellite communications (SATCOM) network to the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Under a program known as Joint Project 2008 Phase 5B2, a large multiphase project to deploy an integrated wideband SATCOM system for the ADF, ViaSat will provide its proven ground stations and dual-band Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) satellite earth terminals.

ViaSat has a long history of delivering SATCOM equipment globally, to customers in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. Most recently, ViaSat delivered a number of complete ground stations for Australia's National Broadband Network (nbn™) program. Specifically under the 5B2 Program, prime contractor Northrop Grumman will work with ViaSat to deliver a satellite ground station at Kapooka Military Area, Wagga Wagga in New South Wales and a wideband SATCOM network management system to support home station and deployed forces.

"Since 2012, ViaSat has been working as the prime contractor for the nbn satellite service ground system, which is a very similar system to that required by the ADF," said Colin Cooper, general manager, Government and Defence, ViaSat Australia. "We have significant experience delivering large-scale satellite ground stations in remote regions of Australia. Our long history of operations in Australia also allows ViaSat to provide technical support, in-country spares and logistics, training, operations support, help desk services and maintenance over the life of the program."

"In working with ViaSat and others on the 5B2 Program, we will provide the ADF a comprehensive, mature, proven solution for taking full advantage of Australia's investment in the WGS system with expandability to meet future needs," said Ian Irving, chief executive, Northrop Grumman Australia.

The WGS constellation is a vital military asset providing Australia, the United States, Canada, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and New Zealand with reliable and secure communications services worldwide 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The ADF's Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group awarded the contract to Northrop Grumman Australia in May 2017.

About Northrop Grumman

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About ViaSat

ViaSat, Inc. (NASDAQ: [VSAT](#)) keeps the world connected. As a global broadband services and technology company, ViaSat ensures consumers, businesses, governments and military personnel have communications access - anywhere - whether on the ground or in-flight. The Company's innovations in designing highest-capacity satellites and secure ground infrastructure and terminal technologies coupled with its international network of managed Wi-Fi hotspots enable ViaSat to deliver a best available network that extends the reach and accessibility of broadband internet service, globally. For more information visit ViaSat at: www.viasat.com, or follow the Company on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

Forward Looking Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward looking statements include statements about each contractor's respective performance in the completion of the 5B2 program the anticipated performance and coverage of the WGS ground stations associated with the 5B2 award. Readers are cautioned that actual results could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include: contractual problems, product defects, manufacturing issues or delays, regulatory issues, and technologies not being developed according to anticipated schedules, or that do not perform according to expectations. In addition, please refer to the risk factors contained in ViaSat's SEC filings available at www.sec.gov, including ViaSat's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. ViaSat undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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