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### **EADS North America Acquires Talon Instruments**

#### **Digital test instrumentation manufacturer joins the company's EADS North America Defense Test & Services subsidiary**

**Arlington, Virginia, November 28, 2005** – EADS North America has strengthened its test and services business portfolio with the acquisition of Talon Instruments, a California-based company that specializes in digital test instrumentation.

Talon Instruments will become part of EADS North America Defense Test & Services, the EADS North America subsidiary that designs, manufactures, sells and services electronic test and measurement equipment, systems and software for high-technology customers around the world.

“This acquisition brings a recognized leader in the design and development of digital test instrumentation into our line-up of EADS North America companies,” said Ralph D. Crosby, Chairman and CEO of EADS North America. “Our purchase of Talon Instruments is part of the long-term growth strategy for EADS North America, and it further strengthens our position as a highly capable test and services company.”

Talon Instruments develops and manufactures complex instrumentation for the test and validation of digital equipment on aircraft, weapons and other systems. Its products include programmable digital test modules, serial emulators and waveform generators.

The Talon Instruments product line complements the products and capabilities of EADS North America Defense Test & Services (formerly Racal Instruments), the test equipment manufacturer acquired by EADS North America in October 2004. EADS North America Defense Test & Services already has a close working relationship with Talon Instruments, serving as the sole distributor for the company's products in the U.S. and internationally.

### **About EADS North America Defense Test & Services**

EADS North America Defense Test & Services is a subsidiary of EADS North America Defense Company. It designs, manufactures, sells, and services electronic test and measurement equipment, systems, and software to leading high-technology customers throughout the world. The company works with core customers to define test requirements and deliver support solutions by providing general purpose automatic test equipment (ATE) products – designing and building unique ATE, enhancing and integrating software offerings, and establishing nationwide OEM and military test engineering services. Among the key market sectors the company serves are military, aerospace, marine, medical, telecommunications, semiconductor and commercial manufacturing.

### **About EADS North America ([www.eads-na.com](http://www.eads-na.com))**

EADS North America is the North American operation of EADS, the second largest aerospace and defense company in the world. As a leader in all sectors of defense and homeland security, EADS North America and its parent company, EADS, contribute over \$6 billion to the U.S. economy annually and support more than 100,000 American jobs through its network of suppliers and services. With 10 operating companies located in 28 cities and 15 states, EADS North America offers a broad array of advanced solutions to its customers in the commercial, homeland security, aerospace and defense markets.

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