



Viasat Establishes Two Maintenance, Test and Integration Facilities in Australia to Enhance Sovereign Defence Capabilities across the Country

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CANBERRA, Australia, Oct. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- [Viasat Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global communications company, today announced the establishment of two sovereign Maintenance, Test and Integration Facilities (MTIF) in Canberra and Newcastle, Australia. The facilities are strategically located to align with the Commonwealth's needs and provide access to enhanced service and support capabilities for the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

The first MTIF, established within the Canberra airport precinct, was developed to provide technical support, product demonstrations and repair capabilities for military satellite communications (MILSATCOM) products. The second MTIF, strategically located near the Williamtown airbase in Newcastle, will support training, technical support and repair capabilities for Viasat's expansive line of Link 16 products. In addition to providing training and technical support, these two facilities are equipped to provide Intermediate Level (I-Level) depot support for significantly faster repair capabilities.

"Viasat is investing heavily in sovereign capabilities across Australia to significantly enhance mission effectiveness for ADF personnel," said Colin Cooper, general manager, Government Systems, Viasat Australia. "Over the last year, our team has invested resources toward acquiring top talent, obtaining quality certifications, advancing our technical training, and systematic and technical processes. These efforts combined will provide an increased level of in-country support for Viasat's narrowband and wideband MILSATCOM systems, information assurance solutions and Link 16 offerings."

Viasat's leadership in critical technology segments such as satellite communications, tactical networks and cybersecurity offers an opportunity for Australia to rapidly and affordably modernise the country's military connectivity and security architectures in the complex threat environment that exists across today's multi-domain battlespace—from the cloud to the tactical edge.

"Our goal is to be a trusted strategic partner, and a national asset to the Australian government and its military personnel," said Ken Peterman, president, Government Systems, Viasat. "We continue to bring additional technology capabilities and [sovereign resources](#) to our Five Eyes (FVEY) partner nations, of which Australia is a member. We believe that by establishing multiple sovereign MTIF locations in Australia, we will be able to more effectively and efficiently serve the satellite communications, cybersecurity, tactical networking and information assurance needs of the ADF, and any FVEY partner they may fight alongside."

Viasat's Australia Government Systems business is headquartered in Canberra and provides a wide range of defence technology capabilities to Australia and New Zealand. Visit Viasat's [website](#) to learn more about the Company's growing presence in Australia.

About Viasat

Viasat is a global communications company that believes everyone and everything in the world can be connected. For more than 30 years, Viasat has helped shape how consumers, businesses, governments and militaries around the world communicate. Today, the Company is developing the ultimate global communications network to power high-quality, secure, affordable, fast connections to impact people's lives anywhere they are—on the ground, in the air or at sea. To learn more about Viasat, visit: www.viasat.com, go to [Viasat's Corporate Blog](#), or follow the Company on social media at: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) or [YouTube](#).

Forward-Looking Statements

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. Readers are cautioned that actual results could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that refer to the increased level of support provided by Viasat's investments, including the MTIFs, and our ability to meet FVEY and ADF needs in MILSATCOM, information assurance/cybersecurity, tactical networking and Link 16 solutions. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include: manufacturing issues or delays, contractual problems, regulatory issues, technologies not being developed according to anticipated schedules, or that do not perform according to expectations; and increased competition and other factors affecting the government and defence sectors generally. 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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