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Stavatti Releases New Machete Development Program Plan

On Monday, June 15th, Stavatti Aerospace released a new Development Program Plan for the Machete Family of Next Generation Counter-Insurgency (COIN), Close Air Support (CAS), Forward Air Control (FAC) Air Defense Fighter (ADF), Advanced Trainer (AT) and Advanced Pilot Trainer (APT) aircraft. The new development plan is summarized in the proprietary document SM-27 Machete & SM-47 Super Machete Development Program Overview.

The new Machete Family Development Program focuses upon the Demonstration and Full Scale Development of three Machete variants (the SM-27S/T Turboprop, SM-27J/L Turbofan and SM-47S/T Super Machete) over a comprehensive 60-month program. A privately funded, corporate initiative to address anticipated next generation military aircraft needs, this new Machete Development Program Plan calls for the roll-out of SM-27 series prototypes in 2010 with Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) beginning in 2012. SM-47 series prototypes are expected to roll-out in 2011 with LRIP beginning in 2013. Full Rate Production (FRP) for the SM-27 Turboprop/Turbofan Machete is expected to begin in 2014/2015 with SM-47 Super Machete FRP scheduled for 2015/2016.

The Machete Development Program has a total cost of approximately \$1.3 Billion over 60 months including \$415 million to develop the SM-27S/T, \$452 Million to develop the SM-27J/L and \$411 Million to develop the SM-47S/T. A modular airframe based upon a common core, significant cost sharing will be employed throughout the Development Program, thereby reducing total program costs to under \$500 million per variant. A commercial initiative, the Development Program will begin with a \$25 to \$50 million Demonstrator Program whereby non-conformal prototypes of the SM-27 and SM-47 will be produced to validate the Machete series airworthiness and military utility. Upon completion of the Demonstrator Program, the Machete will enter Full Scale Development (FSD) resulting in the production, flight-testing and qualification/certification of conformal Production Representative Test Vehicles. While a portion of Machete Development Program costs will be funded by private financial sources, Stavatti anticipates that principal Machete program costs will be financed through customer orders and direct program participation in the form of RDT&E contracts.

Stavatti projects a potential market for 4,500 Machete aircraft over the next 20 to 30 years including:

- 1,300 SM-27S/T Turboprop Machetes for COIN/CAS/FAC/AT
- 1,500 SM-27J/L Turbofan Machetes for CAS/FAC/AT
- 1,700 SM-47S/T Super Machetes for ADF/APT

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