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## News

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### **L-3's CX-Pallet Cargo Inspection System Aids in Discovery of 240 Kilograms of Cocaine in Australia**

WOBURN, Mass., August 17, 2010 – L-3 Security & Detection Systems announced today that its CX-Pallet dual-view cargo inspection system helped the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service uncover 240 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a shipment of concrete pavers. The CX-Pallet was installed at the Port Melbourne Cargo Examination Facility in June of this year.

“We are pleased that our recently deployed inspection system has been effective in helping Customs and Border Protection detect illegal substances,” said Thomas M. Ripp, president of L-3 Security & Detection Systems. “The CX-Pallet speeds the screening of consolidated cargo with superior imaging technology, helping customs personnel identify suspicious content more efficiently.”

The seizure was the fifth-largest cocaine capture in Australian history, with an estimated value of approximately U.S. \$73 million.

The CX-Pallet reduces the need to unpack contents for inspection, accelerating screening of consolidated cargo in pallets, crates and ULDs while maintaining the highest levels of security. With L-3's integrated cargo solutions, analysts have the comprehensive information and flexible controls they need to assist in detecting explosives, weapons, drugs or misrepresented goods – even in densely packed ULDs.

L-3 Security & Detection Systems offers total cargo solutions that serve a full range of cargo environments and applications with a configurable family of platforms that offers a multitude of options. Capabilities include dual-energy material discrimination and a range of energy levels to improve detection, as well as a selection of throughput levels in varying footprints to simplify integration into existing operations. All of L-3's cargo solutions are based on an extendable software platform that integrates X-ray images with other sensors and data to create a custom

and unified view of the critical information that analysts need to assess risks. With a significant global presence, L-3 provides comprehensive support both during and after deployment.

#### **About L-3 Security & Detection Systems**

With a broad range of systems and technology and an installed base of more than 20,000 systems worldwide, L-3 Security & Detection Systems offers screening technologies for numerous security applications, including aviation systems for hold baggage explosives detection and checkpoint screening, cargo and air freight screening, port and border inspection, and facility protection. L-3 Security & Detection Systems' customer base includes the U.S. military and numerous government agencies, major airports and airlines, national and local authorities, and high-risk commercial enterprises throughout the world. To learn more about L-3 Security & Detection Systems, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com/sds](http://www.L-3com.com/sds).

#### **About L-3 Communications**

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs approximately 67,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems, aircraft modernization and maintenance, and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of electronic systems used on military and commercial platforms. The company reported 2009 sales of \$15.6 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com](http://www.L-3com.com).

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