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### **STELLEX AEROSTRUCTURES, INC. ANNOUNCES THAT ITS STELLEX PRECISION MACHINING SUBSIDIARY HAS BEEN AWARDED A CONTRACT FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION FOR F/A-22 WORK.**

Lebanon, New Jersey, February 2, 2004. Stellex Aerostructures Inc. announced that its Stellex Precision Machining subsidiary has been awarded a long term \$20 million contract to manufacture complex titanium and aluminum parts used on the Lockheed Martin F/A-22 Fighter program. This critical award represents a key competitive victory for the company.

Raynard D. Benvenuti, President and CEO of Stellex Aerostructures, Inc. commented, "The F/A-22 is an important program to Stellex. This contract is one in a series of recent awards for critical components and sub assemblies for fighter aircraft, reaffirming Stellex's leadership role in the machining and production of complex assemblies."

Stellex Aerostructures is a leading provider of highly engineered subsystems and components for the aerospace and defense industries. Stellex Aerostructures operates four divisions: Stellex Monitor Aerospace, Inc., Stellex Precision Machining, Inc., Stellex Bandy Machining, Inc., and General Inspection Laboratories, Inc. Monitor and Precision Machining are leaders in the manufacturing of large complex machined parts and structural sub-assemblies for the aerospace industry. Bandy Machining provides precision aircraft hinges and other structural components for the aerospace and space industries. General Inspection Laboratories provides non-destructive testing services to aerospace component manufactures in the Southern California region.

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