Lockheed Martin extends F-35 supply agreement with Solvay

Solvay's new five-year contract continues its partnership with Lockheed Martin to provide high-performance materials for F-35 military aircraft

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Solvay has been awarded a new five-year material supply contract for Lockheed Martin's F-35 aircraft. The new contract extends Solvay's long-standing partnership on the F-35 program and underlines the company’s leadership in composite and adhesive technologies for military platforms.

"It is a privilege to be the principal supplier of structural composites and adhesives to Lockheed Martin multinational F-35 program," said Carmelo Lo Faro, President of Solvay Composite Materials Global Business Unit. "This contract extension builds not only on our F-35 program commitment, but also the partnership Solvay and Lockheed Martin have shared for more than 30 years and our ability to innovate together."

The F-35 is the U.S. Department of Defense’s flagship program that is delivering an advanced, affordable 5th Generation multi-role fighter platform for the U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy; and international customers. It constitutes the largest global military program in history.

From its facilities in the U.S. and Europe, Solvay has so far supported the manufacturing and delivery of more than 550 aircraft now operating in nine countries. In meeting these challenging demands, Solvay supplies a unique and rich portfolio of more than 50 products to the F-35 program, including structural composites such as CYCOM® 5250-4, a bismaleimide (BMI) prepreg system known for performance-enhancing capability at high temperatures, and industry standard CYCOM® 977-3, a toughened epoxy resin prepreg system; structural adhesive FM® 300 and a lightning strike protection surfacing film FM® 309-1.

The new contract with Lockheed Martin will be managed by Solvay and its U.S.-based subsidiary CDM, which operates under a special security agreement. The contract will formally commence on January 1, 2021.
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