

**Trade Press Release** 

## CAE achieves Level 5 CMMI certification for Mission Solutions group

*Montreal, Canada, January 7, 2013* – (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) – CAE today announced that its Mission Solutions group has achieved Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 5 certification, the highest quality standard possible for software engineering.

The CMMI Level 5 rating for CAE's Mission Solutions group was achieved after a rigorous, thirdparty evaluation of business processes to ensure they are consistent, predictable, and focused on continuous improvement throughout the lifecycle of a program.

"CMMI Level 5 is an outstanding achievement for our Mission Solutions group and can serve as a discriminator for CAE because we are one of only a few organizations in Canada to achieve Level 5," said Pietro D'Ulisse, CAE's Vice President and Military Business Leader – Canada. "This demonstrates the ongoing commitment we have to the on-time delivery of quality products and services to our defence customers."

Originally developed by the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) of Carnegie Mellon University and now administered by the CMMI Institute, the CMMI process helps advance software engineering and related disciplines to ensure the development and operation of systems with predictable and improved cost, schedule, and quality.

CAE's Mission Solutions group provides comprehensive lifecycle and in-service support solutions, including avionics software upgrades, integrated logistics support, systems engineering and data management services for the Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 fleet. In addition, the Mission Solutions group leverages CAE's modeling and simulation technologies and expertise to deliver decision support solutions such as the CAE Augmented Visionics System (AVS), CAE Volume-Based Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (VISR) system, and commercial Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) ISR services.

CMMI is a process improvement approach that was developed by a group of experts from industry, government, and the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) at Carnegie Mellon University. CMMI models provide guidance for developing or improving processes that meet the business goals of an organization. A CMMI model may also be used as a framework for appraising the process maturity of the organization. For more information, visit <u>http://cmmiinstitute.com</u>.

CAE is a global leader in modelling, simulation and training for civil aviation and defence. The company employs approximately 8,000 people at more than 100 sites and training locations in approximately 30 countries. CAE offers civil aviation, military, and helicopter training services in more than 45 locations worldwide and trains approximately 100,000 crewmembers yearly. In addition, the CAE Oxford Aviation Academy offers training to aspiring pilot cadets in 11 CAE-operated flight schools. CAE's business is diversified, ranging from the sale of simulation products to providing comprehensive services such as training and aviation services, integrated enterprise solutions, in-service support and crew sourcing. The company applies simulation expertise and operational experience to help customers enhance safety, improve efficiency, maintain readiness and solve challenging problems. CAE is now leveraging its simulation capabilities in new markets such as healthcare and mining. www.cae.com

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