

Press Release

CAE reports first quarter financial results for fiscal year 2012

- Revenue up 17% and net income up 16% compared to prior year
- Earnings per share of \$0.17 compared to \$0.14 in prior year
- C\$3.5 billion order backlog and 1.05x quarterly book-to-sales

Montreal, Canada, August 10, 2011 – (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) – CAE today reported financial results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2011. Net income attributable to equity holders of the company was C\$43.1 million (C\$0.17 per share) this quarter, compared to C\$37.2 million (C\$0.14 per share) last year. All financial information is in Canadian dollars.

Revenue for the quarter was \$427.9 million, 17% higher than \$366.4 million in the first quarter last year.

"We had good performance this quarter led by our Civil business, which continues to benefit from the commercial aerospace up-cycle and our leadership positions in emerging markets," said Marc Parent, CAE's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Full-flight simulator sales are off to a strong start and we signed three pivotal joint venture agreements, including the total outsourcing of training by AirAsia, one of the world's fastest growing airlines. In Defence, order delays added margin pressure but we achieved solid revenue growth over last year. The market outlook has become more challenging as governments re-evaluate their force structures and contend with budget constraints. However, our healthy backlog, long-term value proposition and position in key growth defence markets give us confidence for future growth."

First quarter operating profit(1) was \$72.0 million, or 16.8% of revenue.

Summary of consolidated results

(amounts in millions, except for operating margins)		Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$	427.9	465.6	410.8	388.0	366.4
Operating profit	\$	72.0	77.8	70.3	68.8	65.7
As a % of revenue	%	16.8	16.7	17.1	17.7	17.9
Net income attributable to equity holders of						
the company	\$	43.1	45.5	38.5	39.1	37.2
Backlog	\$	3,463.2	3,449.0	3,224.9	3,199.9	3,116.3

CAE made the decision this quarter to report New Core Markets (NCMs) as a separate business segment in order to provide investors with greater visibility into these initiatives and to provide a clearer view of the performance of its Training and Services/Civil segment, which previously included NCMs.

Civil segments

Revenue for our combined Civil segments increased 19% in the first quarter to \$210.1 million compared to \$176.9 million last year. Operating profit was \$45.2 million (21.5% of revenue) compared to \$36.4 million (20.6% of revenue) last year.

Civil market activity strengthened for CAE during the first quarter with 11 full-flight simulator orders for customers in Asia, Europe, and the Americas. We also renewed and added a range of training contracts expected to generate \$104.9 million in future revenue. We announced that we will double to eight the number of locations in our global network offering business aviation training, including the addition of centres in Asia and South America. In commercial aviation, we announced three important joint-ventures during the quarter at the Paris Air Show. We announced a joint-venture with AirAsia to provide the airline and other third-party customers with training for pilots, cabin crews, maintainers and ground services personnel. We also announced the launch of a new training centre joint-venture in Delhi, India with Interglobe, the parent company of IndiGo Airlines. We also announced a third joint-venture during the quarter with Mitsui & Co. to establish and operate a training centre in Japan in support of the upcoming Mitsubishi Regional Jet.

We received \$229.8 million in combined civil segment orders this quarter representing a book-to-sales ratio of 1.09x. The ratio for the last 12 months was 1.27x.

Training & Services/Civil (TS/C)

(amounts in millions except operating margins, RSEU and FFSs deployed)		Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$	124.0	121.0	113.2	109.9	109.9
Segment operating income	\$	35.5	25.3	24.2	23.6	26.8
Operating margins	%	28.6	20.9	21.4	21.5	24.4
Backlog	\$	970.5	986.5	774.2	695.3	706.8
RSEU		137	132	132	131	132
FFS deployed		160	156	152	151	150
Simulation Products/Civil (SP/C)						
(amounts in millions except operating margins)		Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$	86.1	76.2	66.7	63.0	67.0
Segment operating income	\$	9.7	9.4	7.9	7.9	9.6

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Military segments

Operating margins

Backlog

Revenue for CAE's combined Military segments increased 14% in the first quarter to \$206.4 million compared to \$181.8 million last year. Operating profit was \$29.4 million (14.2% of revenue), compared to \$31.2 million (17.2% of revenue) last year.

During the quarter, CAE was awarded a letter subcontract by Boeing Training Systems and Services to provide maintenance and support services for M-346 jet-fighter full-mission simulators being developed

for an international customer. The support services will begin in 2013 following delivery of the M-346 ground-based training system, and will run for a period of 20 years. We also saw the resumption of U.S. procurement activity resulting in a contract to CAE from the United States Navy to design and manufacture two additional MH-60R Seahawk helicopter trainers. We also won a subcontract to design and manufacture trainers for the United States Air Force under Boeing's C-130 Avionics Modernization Program. In the land domain, we were awarded a contract for five Abrams tank maintenance training systems for the United States Army. We also teamed with Force Protection Industries to compete for the Canadian Forces Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle project.

Combined Military orders in the quarter totaled \$209.7 million for a book-to-sales ratio of 1.02x. The ratio for the last 12 months was 0.98x. In addition to CAE's combined military backlog of \$2.15 billion at June 30, 2011, CAE's unfunded military backlog(2) was \$342.3 million.

Simulation Products/Military (SP/M)

(amounts in millions except operating margins)		Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$	135.2	179.3	153.7	137.2	115.8
Segment operating income	\$	18.8	34.0	28.6	25.1	17.3
Operating margins	%	13.9	19.0	18.6	18.3	14.9
Backlog	\$	897.8	888.7	883.0	922.2	922.9

Training & Services /Military (TS/M)

(amounts in millions except operating margins)		Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$	71.2	78.0	66.1	69.8	66.0
Segment operating income	\$	10.6	12.0	10.9	13.5	13.9
Operating margins	%	14.9	15.4	16.5	19.3	21.1
Backlog	\$	1,253.8	1,270.0	1,243.4	1,277.7	1,235.3

New Core Markets

Revenue for New Core Markets increased 48% in the first quarter to \$11.4 million compared to \$7.7 million last year. Operating loss was \$2.6 million compared to \$1.9 million last year.

CAE Healthcare sold more than 25 surgical and ultrasound simulator systems and modules to customers in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America, including institutions like the Mayo Clinic and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

CAE Mining sold its geological modelling and mine planning systems to 18 new customers including Kazakhmys in Kazakhstan, African Minerals in Sierra Leone, Vale in Brazil and Koza Gold in Turkey.

New Core Markets (NCM)

(amounts in millions)	Q1-2012	Q4-2011	Q3-2011	Q2-2011	Q1-2011
Revenue	\$ 11.4	11.1	11.1	8.1	7.7
Segment operating income (loss)	\$ (2.6)	(3.9)	(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.9)

Additional financial highlights

Income taxes this quarter were \$13.6 million representing an effective tax rate of 24%. Proportionately more income was generated this quarter from lower rate tax jurisdictions than last year.

Free cash flow(3) was negative \$88.5 million this quarter due to both lower cash provided by operating activities and unfavourable movements in non-cash working capital compared to the recent fourth quarter. We normally see significant negative movement in non-cash working capital in the first quarter of the fiscal year and this is mainly due to a decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and an increase in the net position of contracts in progress and in accounts receivable.

Capital expenditures totalled \$30.5 million this quarter, including \$19.6 million in support of our growth initiatives and the balance for maintenance.

CAE's net debt(4) of \$520.5 million as at June 30, 2011 compares with a net debt of \$383.8 million as at March 31, 2011, as consistently measured under IFRS. The increase of \$136.7 million was mainly due to an increase in our working capital accounts.

CAE will pay a dividend of \$0.04 per share on September 30, 2011 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 15, 2011.

Additional information

You will find a more detailed discussion of our results by segment in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as well as in our consolidated interim financial statements which are posted on our website at www.cae.com/QIFY12.

CAE's unaudited consolidated interim financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the quarter ended June 30, 2011 have been filed with the Canadian securities commissions and are available on our website (www.sedar.com). They have also been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and are available on their website (www.sec.gov).

Conference call Q1 FY2012 and annual meeting of shareholders FY2011

CAE will host a conference call focusing on fiscal year 2012 first quarter financial results today at 1:00 p.m. ET. The call is intended for analysts, institutional investors and the media. Participants can listen to the conference by dialling + 1 877 586-3392 or + 1 416 981-9024. The conference call will also be audio webcast live for the public at www.cae.com. CAE is also hosting its annual meeting of shareholders for fiscal year 2011 today at 10:30 a.m. ET at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal in Montreal. The meeting will also be webcast live on CAE's site at www.cae.com. At the meeting, members of CAE senior management will review the activities of the last fiscal year, present the financial results for the first quarter ended June 30 this year and discuss prospects for the current fiscal year.

CAE is a global leader in modeling, simulation and training for civil aviation and defence. The company employs more than 7,500 people at more than 100 sites and training locations in more than 20 countries. Through CAE's global network of 32 civil aviation, military and helicopter training centres, the company trains more than 80,000 crewmembers yearly. CAE's business is diversified, ranging from the sale of simulation products to providing comprehensive services such as training and aviation services, professional services and in-service support. The company aims to apply its 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

Certain statements made in this news release, including, but not limited to, statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking and are subject to important risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

The results or events predicted in these forward-looking statements may differ materially from actual results or events. These statements do not reflect the potential impact of any non-recurring or other special items or events that are announced or completed after the date of this news release, including mergers, acquisitions, or other business combinations and divestitures.

You will find more information about the risks and uncertainties associated with our business in the MD&A section of our annual report and annual information form for the year ended March 31, 2011. These documents have been filed with the Canadian securities commissions and are available on our website (<u>www.cae.com</u>) on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>) and a free copy is available upon request to CAE. They have also been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under Form 40-F and are available on EDGAR (<u>www.sec.gov</u>). The forward-looking statements contained in this news release represent our expectations as of August 10, 2011 and, accordingly, are subject to change after this date. We do not update or revise forward-looking information even if new information becomes available unless legislation requires us to do so. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Notes

(1) Operating profit is a non-GAAP measure that shows us how we have performed before the effects of certain financing decisions and tax structures. We track operating profit because we believe it makes it easier to compare our performance with previous periods, and with companies and industries that do not have the same capital structure or tax laws.

(2) Unfunded backlog is a non-GAAP measure that represents firm military orders we have received but have not yet executed for which funding authorization has not yet been obtained. We include unexercised options with a high probability that they will be exercised, but exclude indefinite-delivery/ indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts.

(3) Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure that shows us how much cash we have available to build the business, repay debt and meet ongoing financial obligations. We use it as an indicator of our financial strength and liquidity. We calculate it by taking the net cash generated by our continuing operating activities, subtracting maintenance capital expenditures, other assets not related to growth and dividends paid and adding proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment.

(4) Net debt is a non-GAAP measure we use to monitor how much debt we have after taking into account liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents. We use it as an indicator of our overall financial position, and calculate it by taking our total

long-term debt, including the current portion, and subtracting cash and cash equivalents.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)		June 30		March 31		April 1
(amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)		2011		2011		2010
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	180.9	\$	276.4	\$	312.9
Accounts receivable		318.9		296.8		238.2
Contracts in progress : assets		248.2		230.5		205.5
Inventories		144.2		124.3		126.8
Prepayments		39.3		43.5		242
Income taxes recoverable		72.1		58.8		30.7
Derivative financial assets		16.5		18.9		27.9
Total current assets	\$	1,020.1	\$	1,049.2	\$	966.2
Property, plant and equipment		1,209.2		1,211.0		1,197.1
Intangible assets		381.2		375.8		290.4
Deferred tax assets		21.3		20.7		24.7
Derivative financial assets		12.5		11.6		15.1
Otherassets		165.2		149.0		97.8
Total assets	\$	2,809.5	\$	2,817.3	\$	2,591.3
Liabilities and Equity						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	501.7	\$	551.9	\$	493.0
Provisions		19.8		20.9		32.1
Income taxes payable		5.9		12.9		6.5
Contracts in progress : liabilities		105.5		125.8		167.4
Current portion of long-term debt		168.1		86.2		68.5
Derivative financial liabilities		14.2		12.4		9.3
Total current liabilities	\$	815.2	\$	810.1	\$	776.8
Provisions	•	9.7		10.4		8.2
Long-term debt		533.3		574.0		600.9
Royatty obligations		148.1		161.6		148.0
Employee benefits obligations		65.1		62.8		81.4
Deferred gains and other non-current liabilities		184.4		187.6		129.3
Deferred tax liabilities		75.0		64.5		13.2
Derivative financial liabilities		16.2		13.4		15.1
Total liabilities	\$	1,847.0	\$	1,884.4	\$	1,772.9
Equity						
Share capital	\$	443.4	\$	440.7	5	436.3
Contributed surplus	*	18.1	•	17.1	•	142
Other reserves		(15.1)		(9.8)		11.4
Retained earnings		497.2		466.4		338.5
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company	\$	943.6	\$	914.4	5	800.4
Non-controlling interests	÷	18.9	÷	18.5	*	18.0
Total equity	\$	962.5	\$	932.9	5	818.4
Total liabilities and equity	\$	2,809.5		2.817.3		2.591.3
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Consolidated Income Statement

(Unaudited)

three months ended June 30

(amounts in millions of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)	2011	2010
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Revenue	\$ 427.9	\$ 366.4
Cost of sales	288.3	237.4
Gross profit	\$ 139.6	\$ 129.0
Research and development expenses	15.2	12.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	62.3	56.2
Other (gains) losses - net	(9.9)	(5.5)
Operating profit	\$ 72.0	\$ 65.7
Finance income	(1.2)	(1.0)
Finance expense	16.1	15.2
Finance expense - net	\$ 14.9	\$ 142
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 57.1	\$ 51.5
Income tax expense	13.6	14.9
Net income	\$ 43.5	\$ 36.6
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	\$ 43.1	\$ 37.2
Non-controlling interests	0.4	(0.6)
	\$ 43.5	\$ 36.6
Earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to		
equity holders of the Company		
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.15
Diluted	0.17	0.14

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

three months ended June 30		
(amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)	2011	2010
Net income	\$ 43.5	\$ 36.6
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Foreign currency translation adjustment		
Net currency translation difference on the translation of financial		
statements of foreign operations	\$ (0.9)	\$ 18.3
Net change in gains (losses) on certain long-term debt denominated in foreign		
currency and designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations	0.8	(4.2)
	\$ (0.1)	\$ 14.1
Net changes in cash flow hedge		
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	\$ (2.0)	\$ (4.3)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges transferred to		
net income or to related non-financial assets or liabilities	(4.5)	(8.4)
Income taxes	1.3	3.7
	\$ (5.2)	\$ (9.0)
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses adjustment		
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses	\$ (2.7)	\$ (4.6)
Income taxes	0.7	1.2
	\$ (2.0)	\$ (3.4)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (7.3)	\$ 1.7
Total comprehensive income	\$ 36.2	\$ 38.3
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	\$ 35.8	\$ 38.7
Non-controlling interests	0.4	(0.4)
Total comprehensive income	\$ 36.2	\$ 38.3

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(Unaudited)						Att	tributable to	equit	y holders of	i the C	ompany			
three months ended June 30, 2011	Co	ommor	n shares										Non-	
(amounts in millions	Number of		Stated	Con	tributed		Other	R	etained			cor	ntrolling	Total
of Canadian dollars, except number of shares)	shares		value		surplus	I	reserves		earnings		Total	i	nterests	equity
Balances, beginning of period	256,964,756	\$	440.7	\$	17.1	\$	(9.8)	\$	466.4	\$	914.4	\$	18.5	\$ 932.9
Net income			-						43.1		43.1		0.4	43.5
Other comprehensive loss:														
Foreign currency translation adjustment			-				(0.1)				(0.1)			(0.1)
Net changes in cash flow hedge			-		-		(5.2)				(5.2)		-	(5.2)
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses adjustment	•		-				-		(2.0)		(2.0)		-	(2.0)
Total comprehensive income		\$		\$		\$	(5.3)	\$	41.1	\$	35.8	\$	0.4	\$ 36.2
Stock options exercised	127,950		0.7								0.7			0.7
Stock dividends	124,075		1.6						(1.6)					
Transfer upon exercise of stock options			0.4		(0.4)								-	
Shared-based payments			-		1.4						1.4		-	1.4
Dividends									(8.7)		(8.7)			(8.7)
Balances, end of period	257,216,781	\$	443.4	\$	18.1	\$	(15.1)	\$	497.2	\$	943.6	\$	18.9	\$ 962.5

(Unaudited)						Att	ributable t	o equit	y holders o	f the C	ompany			
three months ended June 30, 2010	С	ommon	n shares										Non-	
(amounts in millions	Number of		Stated	Con	tributed		Other	R	etained			co	ntrolling	Total
of Canadian dollars, except number of shares)	shares		value		surplus	r	eserves		earnings		Total	i	nterests	equity
Balances, beginning of period	256,516,994	\$	436.3	\$	142	\$	11.4	\$	338.5	\$	800.4	\$	18.0	\$ 818.4
Net income									37.2		37.2		(0.6)	36.6
Other comprehensive income (loss):														
Foreign currency translation adjustment			-		-		13,9				13,9		0.2	14.1
Net changes in cash flow hedge			-		-		(9.0)		-		(9.0)		-	(9.0)
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses adjustment			-				-		(3.4)		(3.4)		-	(3.4)
Total comprehensive income		\$	-	\$		\$	4.9	\$	33.8	\$	38.7	\$	(0.4)	\$ 38.3
Stock options exercised	39,200		0.3		-		-		-		0.3		-	0.3
Stock dividends	11,751		0.1		-				(0.1)					-
Transfer upon exercise of stock options			0.2		(0.2)									-
Shared-based payments					1.6						1.6			1.6
Acquisition of non-controlling interests					-				(0.2)		(0.2)		(0.2)	(0.4)
Dividends			-		-		-		(7.6)		(7.6)		-	(7.6)
Balances, end of period	256,567,945	\$	436.9	\$	15.6	\$	16.3	\$	364.4	\$	833.2	\$	17.4	\$ 850.6

The total of Retained earnings and other reserves for the three months ended June 30, 2011 was \$482.1 million (\$380.7 million as at June 30, 2010).

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

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three months ended June 30		
(amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)	2011	 2010
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 43.5	\$ 36.6
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	21.8	20.5
Amortization of intangible and other assets	7.0	5.6
Financing cost amontization	0.4	0.4
Deferred income taxes	12.1	3.2
Investment tax credits	(4.4)	(1.1)
Share-based payments	5.5	5.7
Defined benefit pension plans	(2.0)	1.0
Amortization of other non-current liabilities	(2.5)	(1.8)
Other	(9.2)	0.2
Changes in non-cash working capital	(160.0)	(114.5)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (87.8)	\$ (44.2)
Investing activities		
Business combinations, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	\$ -	\$ (16.3)
Joint venture, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	(24.9)	(1.9)
Capital expenditures from property, plant and equipment	(30.5)	(21.4)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	23.7	
Capitalized development costs	(7.3)	(3.0)
ERP and other software	(4.7)	(3.7)
Other	(0.1)	(1.3)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (43.8)	\$ (47.6)
Financing activities		
Net borrowing under revolving unsecured credit facilities	\$ 49.0	\$
Net proceeds from current financial assets program	0.8	
Proceeds from long-term debt, net of transaction costs	9.6	5.4
Repayment of long-term debt	(11.4)	(7.1)
Repayment of finance lease	(3.5)	(3.6)
Dividends paid	(8.7)	(7.6)
Common stock issuance	0.7	0.3
Other	(0.6)	(8.4)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ 35.9	\$ (21.0)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (95.7)	\$ (112.8)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	276.4	312.9
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash		
and cash equivalents	0.2	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 180.9	\$ 200.5
Supplemental information:		
Interest paid	\$ 11.5	\$ 14.3
Interest received	1.8	1.3
Income taxes paid	14.0	3.3