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MDA wins major surveillance service contract

Richmond, B.C. – MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. ([TSX: MDA](#)), a provider of essential information solutions, announced today that a confidential customer has awarded a contract to MDA for a long endurance unmanned aerial (UAV) surveillance solution to support its deployed forces. The surveillance solution will be operational in early 2010 for a period of one year, with options for an additional two years.

Building on the previously announced successful Noctua UAV service for the Canadian Forces, under this new contract, MDA will provide a similar complete turnkey operational UAV service. The new service will include full operations, maintenance and logistics to provide real-time, multi-sensor intelligence information directly in the theatre of operation.

David Hargreaves, a vice president within the Information Systems Group, said: 'This contract expands MDA's ability to provide advanced turnkey airborne surveillance services very quickly to customers with urgent deployed and domestic operational requirements.'

About MDA

MDA provides advanced information solutions that capture and process vast amounts of data, produce essential information, and improve the decision making and operational performance of business and government organizations worldwide.

Focused on markets and customers with strong repeat business potential, MDA delivers a broad spectrum of information solutions, ranging from complex operational systems, to tailored information services, to electronic information products.

MDA employs more than 3,200 people in locations across the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. The Company's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol [TSX:MDA](#).

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