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MDA's surveillance service for the Royal Australian Air Force is now operational

Richmond, B.C. – MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. ([TSX: MDA](#)), a provider of essential information solutions, announced today that MDA has conducted its first Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flight for the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)—four months after contract award. Flight operations are now officially underway from the Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan. The service will support Australian forces by providing critically important intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information directly to ground commanders in real time.

Currently serving Canada (operations started in January 2009) and Australia, MDA operates a full turnkey multi-payload surveillance mission facility in Kandahar and a complete flight training facility in Suffield, Alberta.

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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Forward-Looking Statements

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For additional information with respect to certain of these risks or factors, plus additional risks or factors, reference should be made to MDA's continuous disclosure materials filed from time to time with Canadian securities regulatory authorities, which are available online at www.sedar.com or on the MDA's website at www.mdacorporation.com.

The Toronto Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the form or content of this release.
