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NORTHROP GRUMMAN WORKING WITH U.S. NAVY
ON USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) SCHEDULE CHANGE

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.-- Oct. 9, 2003 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) said today that it is working closely with the U.S. Navy to address the implications of the Navy's decision, announced earlier today, to delay by one year the planned Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH) of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson*. The ship, originally scheduled to arrive at the corporation's Newport News sector in November of 2004, will now arrive in November of 2005.

In response to the Navy's announcement, Tom Schievelbein, president, Northrop Grumman Newport News said, "This issue is critical to us from a people perspective. We are working with the Navy to address the change in the CVN 70 schedule and to find ways to maintain critical technical capabilities at the yard and to stabilize the industrial base."

The company stated that the delay will impact Northrop Grumman's expected 2004 sales by approximately \$300 million. The company now expects 2004 sales of approximately \$28 billion, versus the previously estimated range of \$28 to \$29 billion. This is the only change to the company's previous guidance for 2004, which included double-digit earnings per share growth, assuming pension costs are the same as 2003, segment operating margin in the mid-7 percent range, and cash from operations of approximately \$1.5 billion.

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"As a result of the *Vinson* schedule change," added Schievelbein, "the Navy plans to award Northrop Grumman Newport News a Dry Dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) for the carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) that will begin in the fall of 2004, as well as a number of submarine availabilities and other additional work."

This decision by the Navy to change the *Vinson's* maintenance schedule was made because of the carrier's current operational capabilities and to better address the Navy's operational needs.

Northrop Grumman Newport News, headquartered in Newport News, Va., is the nation's sole designer, builder, and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two companies capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. Newport News also provides after-market services for a wide array of naval and commercial vessels. The Newport News sector employs about 18,000 people.

Northrop Grumman Corporation is a \$25 billion global defense company, headquartered in Los Angeles, Calif. Northrop Grumman provides technologically advanced, innovative products, services and solutions in systems integration, defense electronics, information technology, advanced aircraft, shipbuilding and space technology. With approximately 120,000 employees and operations in all 50 states and 25 countries, Northrop Grumman serves U.S. and international military, government and commercial customers.

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