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Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures LTD inaugurates

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Tata [Lockheed Martin](#) Aerostructures Limited, a joint venture between Tata Advanced Systems Limited and [Lockheed Martin](#), today inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind [metal-to-metal bonding facility](#) here.

According to a press release issued by TASL, the new 4,700 sqmt area facility adds a new cutting-edge capability to the Indian [aerospace industry](#) and enables the firm to use the technology across various complex aerostructures manufacturing and increased indigenisation, supporting the centre's 'Make in India' initiative.

More than 80 skilled employees will work in this facility, which can be expanded to support future work, it said.

Employing 500 people, TLMAL currently produces 24 [C-130](#) aircraft empennages annually.

To date, 85 TLMAL-built empennages have been installed on [C-130Js](#) delivered by [Lockheed Martin](#) to its global customers, including the [Indian Air Force](#).

More than 400 [C-130Js](#) have been delivered to operators in 18 nations around the world, the release said.

"Given the C-130J's worldwide presence, it is fitting that one of its core components is the result of a strong global partnership that we have with India, Tata and TLMAL," George Shultz, [Vice President and General Manager](#) of Air Mobility and [Maritime Missions](#) at [Lockheed Martin](#) said.

Sukaran Singh, MD and CEO, said "We are delighted to expand the scope of our partnership with Lockheed Martin, a testament of TASL's increasing capabilities in complex [aerostructure manufacturing](#)."

"It is a matter of pride that aerostructure components manufactured at our Indian facility are an integral part of the world's most successful and advanced tactical airlifter, which is also being used by the [Indian Air Force](#)."