

Tata Lockheed Martin delivers 100th Super Hercules part

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Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Ltd (TLMAL) has delivered the 100th C-130J Super Hercules empennage from its manufacturing facility located near Hyderabad.

The delivery milestone highlights the success of Lockheed Martin's 'Make in India' partnership with Tata. TLMAL, a joint venture between Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, was established in 2010 in Hyderabad.

TLMAL is the single global source of C-130J empennage assemblies that are installed on the new Super Hercules aircraft produced in Marietta, Georgia, in the US.

Empennage assemblies produced by TLMAL include the aircraft's horizontal and vertical stabilisers, along with leading edges and tip assemblies. "It is a moment of honour for TLMAL as it deliv-

ers the 100th empennage. The joint venture has been a great example of a successful US-India industrial partnership and a testimony to Lockheed Martin's and Tata's intent to develop aerospace manufacturing in India," said Sukaran Singh, CEO, TASL.

TLMAL empennages have been included in C-130Js that have supported critical worldwide search and rescue, peacekeeping, combat delivery, medevac and humanitarian response missions. TLMAL empennages are also included in the LM-100J — the commercial variant of the Super Hercules.

"The C-130J has a global presence, both in its operations as well as in its core structure, as exemplified by its TLMAL-built empennage," said Karmyn Norwood, Vice-President of International Programmes for Air Mobility & Maritime Missions at Lockheed Martin.