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Making in India: TLMAL delivers 100th C-130J Super Hercules empennage

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Tata [Lockheed Martin](#) Aerostructures Limited (TLMAL) recently delivered the 100th [C-130J](#) Super [Hercules](#) empennage from its [manufacturing facility](#) located in Hyderabad, [India](#).

The delivery milestone highlights the ongoing success of Lockheed Martin's hallmark Make in [India](#) partnership with Tata.

TLMAL - a joint venture between [Tata Advanced Systems](#) Limited (TASL) and [Lockheed Martin](#) Aeronautics - was established in 2010 in [Hyderabad](#). TLMAL exemplifies the Make in [India](#) goals and has the distinction of being the single global source of [C-130J](#) empennage assemblies that are installed on all new Super [Hercules aircraft](#) produced in Marietta, Georgia, in the [United States](#).

Empennage assemblies produced by TLMAL include the aircraft's horizontal and vertical stabilizers along with leading edges and tip assemblies. The TLMAL team also previously manufactured sets of [C-130J](#) centre wing box components and introduced a new cutting-edge 4,700 [square-meter metal-to-metal bonding facility](#) in May 2018. TLMAL currently employs 500 people.

"It is a moment of great pride and honour for TLMAL, as it delivers the 100th empennage. The joint venture has been a great example of successful US-India Industrial partnership and a testimony to Lockheed Martin's and Tata's intent of developing [aerospace manufacturing](#) in India," said Sukaran Singh, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, TASL. "I congratulate the operations team that has ensured all deliveries ahead of schedule that will go a long way in extending our partnership to a new level with [Lockheed Martin](#)."

TLMAL empennages have been included in C-130Js that have supported critical worldwide search and rescue, peacekeeping, combat delivery, maritime patrol, special operations, aerial refuelling, 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 within its core structure, as exemplified by its TLMAL-built empennage," said Karmyn Norwood, [Vice President of International Programs for Air Mobility & Maritime Missions](#) at Lockheed Martin. "I've been privileged to watch our TLMAL partnership grow significantly in terms of capability over the past few years. This growth is due, in large part, to the outstanding team that builds these empennages. This team's pride and commitment to quality is built into each and every empennage!"

The C-130J Super Hercules is the proven standard in tactical airlift, providing a unique mix of versatility and performance to complete any mission, anytime, anywhere. It is the current variant of the C-130 Hercules and is the airlifter of choice for 20 nations. The [Indian Air Force](#) operates a fleet of 11 C-130J-30s and has ordered an additional C-130J Super Hercules.