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NORTHROP GRUMMAN, DOJ, DOD AGREE TO

NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING ACQUISITION TIMELINE

Los Angeles -- Aug. 10, 2001 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced today that it will comply with a Department of Justice request not to issue before Aug. 20, 2001, its intent to consummate its proposed acquisition of Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (NYSE: NNS); this would mean that Northrop Grumman could not consummate such an acquisition earlier than Sept. 4, 2001 (10 business days after notification).

The agreement was signed by Northrop Grumman, the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Justice (DoJ), as well as by General Dynamics Corporation, which also seeks to acquire Newport News. In the agreement, DoJ and DoD said that they will inform the companies of their enforcement intentions regarding the transaction after receiving notification of intent to close.

Northrop Grumman announced on May 9, 2001, its offer to acquire Newport News Shipbuilding; the company filed its Hart-Scott-Rodino premerger notification with DoJ on May 18, 2001.

On June 18, 2001, DoJ requested additional information on the transaction, and Northrop Grumman announced that it would comply. By law, the waiting period required under Hart-Scott-Rodino would have expired 30 days after Northrop Grumman substantially complied with the request, unless it was extended by court order or by the consent of Northrop Grumman. Northrop Grumman has substantially complied with the request. With today's agreement, the companies, DoJ and DoD have consented to let the review process proceed.

Northrop Grumman Corporation is a \$15 billion, global aerospace and defense company with its worldwide headquarters in Los Angeles. Northrop Grumman provides technologically advanced, innovative products, services and solutions in defense and commercial electronics, systems integration, information technology and non-nuclear shipbuilding and systems. With 80,000 employees and operations in 44 states and 25 countries, Northrop Grumman serves U.S. and international military, government and commercial customers.

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