Rockwell Collins CEO and President Kelly Ortberg and CETC Vice President and CETCA Chairman Zuo Qunsheng celebrate the grand opening of Rockwell Collins CETC Avionics Company (Click for larger version)

Rockwell Collins and CETCA announce grand opening of joint venture for communication and navigation solutions

CHENGDU, China (April 2, 2014) – Rockwell Collins and China Electronics Technology Avionics Company (CETCA), a subsidiary of China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC), today announced the formal incorporation and grand opening of their joint venture -- Rockwell Collins CETC Avionics Company (RCCAC). The new joint venture, which will be based in Chengdu, Sichuan, will develop communication and navigation solutions for the C919 and other aircraft programs in China.

The agreement was celebrated today with a grand opening ceremony attended by Rockwell Collins CEO and President Kelly Ortberg; Kent Statler, chief operating officer, Commercial Systems for Rockwell Collins; Colin Mahoney, senior vice president, International and Service Solutions for Rockwell Collins; CETC Vice President and CETCA Chairman Zuo Qunsheng and CETCA General Manager Zeng Li. This marks the second joint venture formed by Rockwell Collins in China to support aircraft development programs in China.

"This joint venture is yet another demonstration of the collaborative and cooperative relationships we continue to build in China to support the rapidly growing opportunities in the region," said Ortberg. "We look forward to working with CETCA to bring world-class communication and navigation solutions to the C919 and other programs in China."

"Our JV will undertake the development and final assembly of communication and navigation systems for the COMAC C919, by leveraging the advanced technology and management capabilities offered by Rockwell Collins and integrated resources and expertise contributed by CETC Avionics Company," said Mr. Zuo. "I firmly believe that through the unremitting efforts, RCCAC will become a world-class avionics company and play a significant role in the China trunk liner development project."

Rockwell Collins has been working with the Chinese aviation industry for 30 years. The company's equipment is on many airplanes manufactured in China including the ARJ21, MA60/600, Y8, Y12, K8, AC312 and AC352, and is on nearly every western airliner operated by China's airlines.

About CETC and CETCA
CETC is a state-owned enterprise group founded in March 2002, administered by the State Council directly. Constituted by 47 institutes, CETC has strong capabilities in the design and production of communications, navigation and surveillance systems for aviation applications. CETC and its subsidiaries have participated in almost every Chinese military aircraft program including fixed wing and rotor wing platforms. CETCA is a newly established company that is specifically focused on the C919 and other civil aircraft platforms.

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