

Ball Aerospace Awarded Consecutive Top Performing Supplier Recognition by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

WESTMINSTER, Colo., Aug. 23, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- For the second consecutive year, Ball Aerospace was recognized by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as a *Top Performing Supplier*. This award identifies the top two percent of a supply base of 1,200 Lockheed Martin suppliers.

"We are very honored to receive this award and to be recognized once again by Lockheed Martin, as one of their top performing suppliers for our proven quality and on-time delivery," said Rob Freedman, vice president and general manager, Tactical Solutions, Ball Aerospace. "Together, Ball and Lockheed Martin have developed a strong relationship which is reflected in this award."

To be considered for the award, suppliers must maintain at least a 98 percent on-time and quality rating for an entire year. Ball exceeded the minimum requirements by successfully maintaining 100 percent on-time and quality ratings for work performed on the [F-35 Lightning II](#), F-16 Fighting Falcon and [AIRLINK®_programs](#).



"We are pleased to recognize Ball Aerospace as a top supplier to Lockheed Martin for the second year in a row," said Janet Duffey, vice president, Supply Chain Management, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. "Our suppliers are vital to the success of our business and with companies like Ball, who are committed to excellence, we will continue to deliver on critical defense programs and protecting our warfighters."

Over the years, Ball has worked collectively with Lockheed Martin to develop and innovate aerospace technologies. This Top Performing Supplier Award demonstrates Ball's ongoing commitment to quality and on-time delivery.

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our aerospace segment include funding, authorization, availability and returns of government and commercial contracts; and delays, extensions and technical uncertainties affecting segment contracts; c) the company as a whole include those listed plus: changes in senior management; regulatory action or issues including tax, environmental, health and workplace safety, including U.S. FDA and other actions or public concerns affecting products filled in our containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; technological developments and innovations; litigation; strikes; labor cost changes; rates of return on assets of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; uncertainties surrounding geopolitical events and governmental policies both in the U.S. and in other countries, including the U.S. government elections, budget, sequestration and debt limit; reduced cash flow; ability to achieve cost-out initiatives and synergies; interest rates affecting our debt; and successful or unsuccessful acquisitions and divestitures, including with respect to the Rexam PLC acquisition and its integration, or the associated divestiture; the effect of the acquisition or the divestiture on our business relationships, operating results and business generally.

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