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Nova Scotia Aerospace Firm Freezes Out Competition

STELIA North America Inc. receives Government of Canada support for freezer storage expansion



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STELIA Aerospace North America Inc., formerly Composites Atlantic Limited, is expanding freezer storage space to help meet increased demand for its products. The Government of Canada today announced a \$259,000 contribution to enable STELIA to construct a new 1,600 square foot freezer building at its Lunenburg facility. The repayable contribution comes from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's Business Development Program (BDP).

Freezing is required to store the temperature-sensitive raw materials used in the production of STELIA's composite components. The company's current freezer storage capacity is no longer adequate to address the demands of new and expanded customer contracts. The new unit will effectively double freezer capacity at STELIA.

By providing increased freezer storage, this addition will improve energy efficiency and reduce system maintenance.

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Quotes:

“Our Government is proud to announce its support for STELIA Aerospace North America Inc. as the company expands its production facilities in Lunenburg. The Government of Canada will continue to invest in innovative companies that grow our economy.”

- *The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency*

“The manufacture of composite materials for the aerospace industry has been a job generator in Lunenburg County since 1988. As both STELIA North America Inc. and Composites Atlantic Limited, this company has sparked innovation that has resonated on a global scale. The support from ACOA will enhance STELIA’s future growth potential and the job security of employees. We’re proud to support STELIA’s ascent in the aerospace sector.”

- *Bernadette Jordan, Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margarets*

“STELIA Aerospace North America Inc. is continually working at growing its capacity in order to serve its North American customer base. With a growth of more than 75% in the last 5 years, we have to look at investments that will improve our operations and improve our capacity while maintaining our competitiveness in the market place. Our competition is worldwide and this support from ACOA will allow our company to improve production of top quality composites aerospace structures for international markets.”

- *Claude Baril, Managing Director, STELIA Aerospace North America Inc.*

Associated Links:

- [STELIA Aerospace North America Inc. website](#)
- [STELIA Aerospace Facebook page](#)
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Background:

STELIA Aerospace North America (formerly Composites Atlantic Limited), is the North American subsidiary of the newly formed STELIA Aerospace Group owned by Airbus. Headquartered in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, STELIA North America is comprised of 450+ employees serving its customers from three manufacturing sites in Canada and a Business Development Office in Seattle, USA.

Lunenburg has had an aerospace presence since 1988 when Cellpack Aerospace Ltd. was founded. Four years after its inception, Cellpack Aerospace became Composites Atlantic Limited. In January, 2015, the merge between Aerolia and Sogerma formed the new STELIA North America.

The company designs, develops and produces advanced composite structures and sub-assemblies for the North American and European aerospace, defense and space industries. Customers include Arde, Augusta Westland, Boeing, Bombardier, General Dynamics, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, MDA, Orbital-ATK, Spirit Aerosystems and UTAS. Products include ducts, cowl doors, flaps, landing gear doors, leading edges, satellites reflectors and antenna structures, nose compartments, radomes plus various fairings and structural composites elements.