

**Lunenburg, July 13, 2015**

In celebration of the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of Lafayette from France to the US, **STELIA Aerospace** (France) and its Canadian subsidiary **STELIA Aerospace North America** in Lunenburg are delighted to announce the upcoming visit of the Tall Ship Hermione to Lunenburg, NS. As a major sponsor of **Voyage 2015**, STELIA Aerospace (France) has arranged for the spectacular French frigate's only Canadian stop to take place here in Lunenburg. An authentically-built, exact replica of the original sailed by General Lafayette to the US in 1780 – a voyage that marked the young general's place in history as a critical participant in the American Revolution – the vessel can be seen in several locations along the Eastern US coastline as she revisits her port-of-call from that war.

**STELIA Aerospace** is now the third largest aerospace manufacturer in the world, employing over 6600 people and specializing in aerostructures, systems integration and pilot and business/first-class passenger seats. **STELIA Aerospace North America**, formerly Composites Atlantic Ltd., is a subsidiary of **STELIA Aerospace** and now boasts over 480 employees and is a robust contributor to the local economy. The company is proud of its 26-year presence as a major provider of jobs and views the production and support staff as its primary resource. The Lunenburg event is a picturesque symbol of the connection between France and North America and was born of the serendipitous fact that the build site of the Hermione is immediately adjacent to one of the STELIA Aerospace plants located in Rochefort, France.

The Hermione is scheduled to arrive at 10am on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The welcome ceremony will be conducted by French, Canadian and local officials and can be viewed dockside by the public at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic where she will rest beside The Bluenose II for this brief call. There will be no public boarding of the vessel. She will depart at 2pm on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**STELIA Aerospace North America** in Lunenburg (formerly COMPOSITES ATLANTIC LIMITED) is the North American subsidiary of the newly formed STELIA Aerospace, headquartered in Toulouse, France. Along with **STELIA Aerospace North America** in Mirabel (formerly Aerolia Canada), we offer design services, assembly, systems integration, manufacturing of complex composite and metallic structures, sub-assemblies and components. For more information on STELIA Aerospace please reference [www.stelia-aerospace.com](http://www.stelia-aerospace.com).

For more information on the **Voyage 2015**, visit [www.hermione.com](http://www.hermione.com)

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