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Aerojet Ordnance Tennessee Delivers Seven Millionth M67 Hand Grenade Body Assembly

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn., June 12, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aerojet Rocketdyne, a subsidiary of Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:AJRD), announced today that its specialty metals facility, Aerojet Ordnance Tennessee, Inc. (AOT), recently passed a major production milestone when it delivered its seven millionth M67 hand grenade body assembly to its customer, Day & Zimmerman, the company that completes final assembly of the hand grenades and delivers them to the U.S. Army. AOT has been the sole supplier of M67 hand grenade body assemblies to the governments of the United States and Canada since 2001.

"We take great pride in providing our warfighters with affordable and reliable munitions and specialty metal components to help protect our nation and its allies," said Aerojet Rocketdyne CEO and President Eileen Drake. "We are thankful for the trust that Day & Zimmerman, and the U.S. Army, who is the ultimate end user of this product, have placed in us to provide these components."

The M67 hand grenade is used to supplement small arms fire against enemies in close combat. The 2.5-inch diameter steel sphere contains 6.5 ounces of high explosives and is fitted with a fuze that initiates the explosive charge. AOT produces the M67 hand grenade body assemblies at its facility located in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

"Passing this significant production milestone would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the men and women who make up the AOT team," said AOT General Manager Wendell Christian. "We look forward to supporting this important program for many years to come."

AOT is an industry leader in the development and production of specialty metal components for munitions, commercial products and sporting goods. AOT has numerous advanced specialty metal capabilities, including: powder metallurgy, primary metal processing, metal casting, heat treatment, computer-aided machining, forging and swaging. The specialty metal products produced by the company have been proven on the battlefield, on the golf course, in space, in high-performance racing, and in Olympic events.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is an innovative company delivering solutions that create value for its customers in the aerospace and defense markets. The company is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader that provides propulsion and energetics to the space, missile defense and strategic systems, tactical systems and armaments areas, in support of domestic and international markets. Additional information about Aerojet Rocketdyne can be obtained by visiting our websites at www.Rocket.com and www.AerojetRocketdyne.com.

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