



## **Hamad bin Khalifa University, University of Patras, Lockheed Martin Collaborate to Support Qatar Cyber Vision at 1st Cybersecurity Technologies Roundtable**

**DOHA, Qatar July 24, 2016** – Global technology leader Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) announced today the engagement with the Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Qatar and the University of Patras, Greece to support the development of Qatar's national cyber security capabilities. The announcement was made at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Cyber Security Technologies Roundtable which took place last week.

In line with Qatar National Vision 2030, the roundtable is part of Lockheed Martin's growing collaboration to support the country's national cyber security objectives. The roundtable brought together a group of multi-national cyber experts from across academia and industry to support innovation and open discussions in this field of growing importance to Qatar and the greater GCC region. The discussions also focused on the build-up of the next generation of cyber defenders. The outcome of the two-day roundtable will support the development of a comprehensive framework to cultivate the human-capital and educational framework necessary to solve future cyber challenges across diverse sectors of national importance.

Commenting on the collaboration, Professor Amine Bermak, Acting Associate Provost and ICT Division Coordinator, HBKU said: "At the heart of what we do as educators at Hamad bin Khalifa University is to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow. Later this summer we look forward to welcoming our first cohort of students to our new Master of Science in Cybersecurity program." He added: "We recognize the importance of collaborating with industry to provide our students with the skills of the future to solve some of the most pressing cyber challenges facing industry and government. The discussions that took place over the past few days will help us develop the talent pipeline in this area of critical national significance to Qatar."

Professor Dimitrios Serpanos, University of Patras, and Director of the Industrial Systems Institute said: "The University of Patras is a leading European University in engineering, including electrical and computing, with strong activities in cybersecurity research. The participation and support to this roundtable demonstrates the commitment of the faculty to address the growing cybersecurity challenge to academia, industry, and governments around the world. Bringing talent together with a global lens will bring the innovative approach we need to shape a more secure future."

Tom Milton, Chief Executive Lockheed Martin Qatar, said: "We are excited to support a strong foundation of preparedness for the emerging cyber threats this region will face. Today's increasingly complex security environment requires dynamic collaboration with academia, industry, and government to execute Qatar's national cyber priorities." He added: "This roundtable is just the beginning. Lockheed Martin looks forward to leveraging our global

technology expertise to support Qatar's efforts to keep its networks and citizens safe from the emerging cyber challenges."

As a trusted partner with more than 50 years of regional experience, Lockheed Martin supports Qatar's national Cyber Security Strategy outlined in Qatar National Vision 2030.

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#### **About the Hamad bin Khalifa University**

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university that is building its foundation upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU delivers undergraduate and graduate programs through its College of Science and Engineering, College of Law and Public Policy, College of Public Health, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, and its College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It also provides unparalleled opportunities for research and scholarship through its research institutes, and its Center of Executive Education delivers customized programs for the business community of Qatar and the region, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.

#### **About University of Patras**

The University of Patras, located in Patras, Greece, is the 3rd largest Greek University with more than 30.000 students and more than 700 faculty members and has a strong research record promoting international collaborations in Europe and worldwide. Its schools include engineering, medicine, natural sciences, humanities and management.

#### **About Lockheed Martin**

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 125,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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