Cobham Life Support to Unveil Innovative New Class of Offshore Worker Safety System at OTC 2014

Survivor+ designed to significantly improve chances of survival in Man Overboard and vessel evacuation

New York, USA – Cobham Life Support will be introducing its new maritime safety system, Survivor+ at OTC 2014, May 5-8 in Houston, Texas. The Survivor+ Personal Overboard Survival System, a new class of 'wearable' PFD (Personal Flotation Device), uniquely incorporates both a SOLAS approved inflatable life jacket and a personal life raft into a single system worn as a compact vest for maximum readiness and survivability.

“Survivor+ is designed to address key factors during vessel or platform evacuation and Man Overboard scenarios where death through drowning or hypothermia is all too common,” comments Don Blackman, Engineering Research Manager, Cobham Life Support. “Freezing sea and air temperatures, disorientation, panic, and high sea states can overcome a victim quickly even when wearing a traditional life jacket or immersion suit. With Survivor+, victims can get out of the water and into the safety of their own automatically deployed life raft quickly and easily, staying protected from the elements until they are rescued. Protecting the lives of offshore workers is of paramount importance, so Cobham is looking forward to showing offshore service companies and vessel owners the innovative and unique Survivor+ when we launch it at OTC.”

Cobham Life Support, part of Cobham plc’s Cobham Mission Systems division is an established safety systems market leader in the defense sector, acting as a single source supplier to government organizations. The company’s experience in developing person mounted safety devices for pilots and naval deck crews has been instrumental in the development of Survivor+, an innovative solution that can initiate a step-change in the offshore and maritime sector's approach to personal safety. The Survivor+ concept is based on survival gear developed by Cobham that has been in use by the military for over 20 years.

About Cobham Life Support
Cobham Life Support specializes in life support and personal survival equipment systems including oxygen systems for aviators and astronauts, crew restraints, flotation gear and crew and cargo release mechanisms. Manufacturing personal and on-board systems, Cobham Life Support provides military helicopter pilots and U.S. armoured vehicle crews with liquid-cooled vests to increase endurance in the heat of battle, protects aircraft fuel tanks against fire on military and commercial aircraft and generates on-board oxygen on more than 2500 military aircraft, to reduce aircraft reliance on bottled systems. The Cobham Life Support cryogenic cooling range enables infrared electro-optical equipment in missile seekers, targeting systems, aircraft defensive countermeasure systems, and night vision equipment.

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