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Cobham HeliSAS System Receives Technical Standing Order from FAA

MINERAL WELLS, Texas – Cobham's HeliSAS® Stability Augmentation System and Autopilot has received Technical Standard Order (TSO) certification from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a major milestone that approves the manufacture of HeliSAS system components.

Previously, Cobham has received a Supplemental Type Certification (STC) from the FAA for HeliSAS use in a Robinson R44 helicopter, which the Company announced on 23 November 2009. Cobham is in the process of achieving HeliSAS certification for use on the Bell 206, Bell 407, Eurocopter AS350, and the U.S. Navy's Bell-made TH-57 helicopters.



HeliSAS is a two-axis attitude hold, attitude command, flight control system. The system has two basic functions, a Stability Augmentation System (SAS) to aid with aircraft stability and autopilot outer loop control modes for altitude hold, heading select and navigation sensor coupling. The SAS and Autopilot System provide a significant reduction in pilot workload, from takeoff to landing.

Additional information about HeliSAS is available on the product's website, www.cobham.com/helisas.

About Cobham:

Cobham's products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for 75 years, keeping people safe, improving communications, and enhancing the capability of land, sea, air and space platforms. The Company has four divisions employing more than 12,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of more than £1.4bn / \$2.1 billion.

Cobham Avionics provides integrated, end to end avionics solutions for fixed-wing and rotorcraft markets covering general aviation, special mission, military training, business and commuter, airline transport fixed-wing and rotorcraft markets. Leveraging a global presence, both FAA and EASA certifications, a broad technology base, and existing original equipment manufacturer positions with AgustaWestland, Airbus, Bell, Boeing, Bombardier, Dassault, Eurocopter and Raytheon, Cobham Avionics offers high value solutions for virtually any avionics application.

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