

News Release

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Cobham finalist in prestigious 2010 MacRobert Award

LEATHERHEAD, UK – Cobham Technical Services was a finalist in the prestigious 2010 MacRobert Award from the Royal Academy of Engineering, for its innovative MINEHOUND dual-sensor mine detector.

Dr Geoffrey Robinson CBE FREng, Chairman of the Judging Panel, presented Cobham with a MacRobert Award Finalist Certificate at the Guildhall in London on Monday night, "in recognition of a substantial contribution by way of innovation in engineering".

MINEHOUND is a hand-held mine detector incorporating Cobham's leading-edge ultra-wideband ground penetrating radar and a high-performance metal detector developed by Cobham's manufacturing partner for the product, Vallon GmbH.

The combination of sensors has the potential to reduce the number of false alarms by more than 80%, as shown in trials in Cambodia, Bosnia and Angola – countries recognised for their high number of landmines. This greater efficiency increases the amount of land which can be cleared within given budgets and timeframes.

According to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), landmines have caused over 73,000 casualties during the past 10 years.

"It is a tremendous honour to be a finalist in the 2010 MacRobert Award. This is great recognition for our engineering team and also highlights the beneficial social impact of MINEHOUND as a key tool in demining, improving the efficiency in clearing and returning land back to local communities around the world," said Cobham Technical Services General Manager Dr Robert Pearson. "Landmine clearance is a dangerous task and we never forget that many people trust their lives to this technology."

The 2010 MacRobert Award Winner was Inmarsat plc for its Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) service. Cobham also provides satellite communication antennas and systems to support Inmarsat BGAN services, and has recently flight trialled the new "X-tream" Inmarsat streaming service on Cobham SwiftBroadband equipment.

About Cobham Technical Services:

Cobham Technical Services works at the leading-edge of innovation by undertaking advanced design and development, producing high-performance custom components and sub-systems, delivering specialist technical consultancy services and by providing state-of-the-art electromagnetic and power system modelling software products.

About Cobham:

Cobham's products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for more than 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 some £1.9bn / \$3 billion.

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