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Cobham selected for new Indian BAE Systems Hawk trainer aircraft

WIMBORNE – United Kingdom: Cobham will supply Weapons Carriage and Release equipment for the Indian Air Force Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer programme, under an £18m contract with Hawk manufacturer BAE Systems.

Cobham's Mission Equipment strategic business unit will deliver significant quantities of Light Duty Ejector Release Units and Carrier Bomb Light Stores (CBLS) training aids to BAE Systems between 2012 and 2014. Both of these systems are integrated onto a variety of platforms around the world and are already in service with the Indian Air Force following its first purchase of Hawk Advanced Jet Trainers from BAE Systems in 2004.

Cobham's contract award follows India's purchase of 57 BAE Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer Aircraft (AJT) in July 2010, to be built by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd in India. Forty aircraft have been assigned to the Indian Air Force and the remaining 17 will be operated by the Indian Navy.

Iain Gibson, Vice President of Cobham Mission Equipment commented, "We are delighted to receive this order which will further strengthen our long standing ties with BAE Systems and the Indian Armed Forces, Cobham's largest export market. The ERU-119 and CBLS are established market leaders and continue to deliver consistently high performance and reliable service".

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About Cobham:

Cobham's products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for more than 70 years, keeping people safe, improving communications, and enhancing the capability of land, sea, air and space platforms. The Company has four divisions employing some 11,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of some £1.9bn / US\$3 billion.

About Cobham Mission Equipment

Cobham Mission Equipment provides a 'wingtip to wingtip' capability offering a comprehensive range of weapons carriage and release equipment including missile launchers, cryogenic cooling for missile seekers, pneumatic missile fin actuation and wing store carriers, bomb ejection, defensive aids, chaff and flare systems. The company is also the world market leader for air-to-air refuelling, providing fifth generation 'nose to tail' solutions from the cockpit of the donor aircraft to the tail of the receiver platform. More than 1,000 systems have been delivered for buddy-buddy refuelling, tactical and strategic tanking for fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, with UAV development well advanced.

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