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Cobham HeliSAS Earns FAA Certification

MINERAL WELLS, Texas - HeliSAS, Cobham's Autopilot and Stability Augmentation System, has been granted Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) status by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Bell 206B, 206L, and 407 helicopters. By reducing pilot workload and increasing aircraft stability, HeliSAS sets a new standard in helicopter safety.

HeliSAS provides precise control during all modes of flight, regardless of wind conditions or shifts in weight. The system is designed to be engaged at all times-- "on" before takeoff and "off" after landing, resulting in a significantly reduced pilot workload. If the helicopter is inadvertently flown to an extreme attitude, simply releasing the cyclic while HeliSAS is engaged will automatically return the helicopter to a near-level attitude.

Hands-off flight is possible due to the HeliSAS attitude-command/attitude-hold SAS + full autopilot configuration. Robust autopilot functions, once reserved for military or large commercial helicopters, are now available to Bell 206B, 206L, and 407 operators. Cobham anticipates HeliSAS certification on the Eurocopter AS 350 model series.

HeliSAS will be offered domestically by authorized dealerships. Cobham has entered into a distribution agreement with DAC International for sales in Australia, Europe, New Zealand, and South America.

For more information, visit Cobham in Booth #4028. Learn more about HeliSAS at www.cobham.com/helisas

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 three divisions employing more than 11,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of some £1.9bn / US\$3 billion.

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About Cobham Commercial Systems:

Cobham Commercial Systems provides integrated, end-to-end avionics solutions for general aviation, special mission, military training and commercial aviation markets.

Cobham's synthetic vision Electronic Flight Instrument System (EFIS) is approved for installation on more than 740 models of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft and is now in demand from Original Equipment Manufacturers and retrofit programmes, particularly in the helicopter and utility and commuter aircraft markets. It can form part of a complete "Cobham cockpit", including audio and radio management, autopilots, Terrain Awareness and Warning Systems (TAWS) and helicopter stability augmentation.

Cobham Commercial Systems is also the market leader in aviation emergency Electronic Locator Transmitter systems, from hand-held personal versions to commercial systems included as part of original equipment on general aviation aircraft, business jets and airliners.

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