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### **Cobham Awarded Boeing Contract for Small Diameter Bomb Racks**

ORCHARD PARK, New York – Cobham has been awarded a contract from Boeing to manufacture more than 400 units for the seventh production lot of BRU-61/A weapons carriage system capable of supporting the US Air Force's Small Diameter Bomb (SDB) program. To date, Cobham has supplied more than 1400 carriages in support of worldwide operations.

The BRU-61/A is used by the Air Force's F-15E jet fighter to carry four SDB precision strike munitions, increasing the aircraft capability per sortie. The BRU-61/A utilises pneumatic ejection technology to release the SDB using compressed air rather than pyrotechnic cartridges, as per older weapons carriage systems.

"The BRU-61/A is a much safer system that requires significantly less logistical support, maintenance and repair when compared with legacy systems," said Iain Gibson, president of Cobham Mission Equipment. "Cobham has been supplying this system to Boeing for seven years, with an outstanding delivery and performance record, and we are confident they will continue to choose Cobham as a trusted supplier."

The BRU-61/A carriage system is the first pneumatic Multi-Stores Carriage System to enter service with US aircraft and represents the latest design in pneumatic ejection systems. It has been successfully employed in combat on the F-15E fighter as part of the SDB weapon system, providing close air support for ground troops operating in Iraq since in October 2006. Cobham has supplied more than 1400 BRU-61/A carriage systems worldwide.

#### **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

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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 / \$3 billion.

### **About Cobham Mission Equipment**

Cobham Mission Equipment is the world market leader for Air-to-Air Refuelling systems, 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.

Cobham Mission Equipment provides a 'wingtip to wingtip' capability offering a comprehensive range of weapons carriage and release equipment for fast jets, rotorcrafts and UAVs. Products include both air to air and air to ground systems employing both pneumatic and pyrotechnic ejection systems.

Cobham Mission Equipment is also among Europe's foremost producers of remote controlled robots for homeland security and military applications. The range encompasses Explosive Ordnance Disposal robots, completely equipped bomb disposal vehicles, equipment, non-magnetic special tools and manipulators for servicing, maintaining and dismantling nuclear facilities. Systems integration resources and through life support services are provided to meet customer requirements.

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