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**Cobham wins £18m contract for Eurofighter Tranche 3A Defensive Aids**

WIMBORNE, United Kingdom – Cobham will provide Chaff and Flare Defensive Aids Systems for the Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jet Tranche 3A programme, under a contract worth more than £18m (approximately 21m Euros).

Deliveries will begin in mid 2012 to sustain production until the end of 2014.

The Eurofighter's Chaff and Flare Defensive Aids System comprises dispensers which release infrared flares to defeat heat seeking missiles and chaff to disrupt radar guided missiles. The Cobham supplied system is an aircraft baseline requirement, integral to the defensive capabilities of the Eurofighter.

As a Eurofighter supplier company, Cobham is the system integrator for the chaff and flare equipments which are delivered to aircraft assembly facilities through Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, acting in the role of prime Eurofighter Partner Company (EPC) under work share arrangements.

"We remain strongly committed to delivering a range of auxiliary mission equipment of the highest standard for Eurofighter and are delighted to continue providing the Chaff and Flare Systems to support the multi role capability of the aircraft," said Iain Gibson, Vice President for Cobham Mission Equipment.

Cobham has extensive experience in the design and development of defensive aids systems with more than 400 chaff and flare systems delivered into the Typhoon programme to date.

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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 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 / \$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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