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Cobham SwiftBroadband Antenna Begins Service on Turkish Airlines' A330

CAPE TOWN, South Africa – Cobham's HGA-7001 high gain antenna has entered service with Turkish Airlines, the first A330 operator to take delivery of its aircraft with the Cobham antenna subsystem installed, enabling Inmarsat SwiftBroadband (SBB) throughout the aircraft.

Inmarsat SwiftBroadband provides broadband connectivity into the aircraft via satellite to enable both cabin and cockpit connectivity. This capability will allow passengers to stay connected via internet during flight, as well as providing enhanced cockpit communications and data services via satellite.

Turkish Airlines has ordered eight A330s to be delivered during the next 18 months. All will be equipped with Cobham's HGA-7001.

"We selected the Cobham antenna due to its superior technical performance as well as commercial benefits due to reduced weight and drag. This system delivers us vital communications capability for our long range fleet," says Mr. Serdar Hoşgel, Turkish Airlines' Senior Vice President, Technical.

Cobham SATCOM equipment has been certified for forward fit new production aircraft on Airbus and Boeing platforms: 737, 747, 777, A320 family, and A330/A340. A400M and A380 certification is expected to be completed later this year. Cobham has also been selected for future installation aboard the 787 and A350.

To date, 23 airlines have selected the Cobham SATCOM technology and will be taking delivery of their new aircraft over the next 24 months. Cobham's sales of this technology are in the region of 300 antenna sub-systems on A330, 777, A320, 737 and A400M platforms.

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“We have worked hard to achieve Airbus and Boeing certification on all new production platforms,” says Fred Cahill, Vice President of Cobham Antenna Systems. “We are delighted that Cobham technology is a key enabler to support airlines both for cockpit communications and cabin connectivity uses.”

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 capabilities 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 / USD \$3 billion.

About Cobham Antenna Systems:

For more than 60 years, Cobham Antenna Systems has been a world leader in the design and manufacture of communication systems and antennas. Cobham’s innovative communication, navigation, jamming, electronic warfare, telemetry and radar antennas serve all major commercial aviation manufacturers and operators, major defence contractors, emergency response organisations and law enforcement agencies.

Cobham’s satellite communications systems connect military and commercial aircraft, vessels, vehicles and mobile teams with the world, through high-speed data, voice and video. Cobham Antenna Systems also produces high performance composite products for the aerospace industry, including radomes and components for military aircraft, ships and vehicles.

About Turkish Airlines:

Established in 1933 with a fleet of only five airplanes, Star Alliance member, Turkish Airlines is today a four star airline company with a fleet of 163 aircraft flying to 175 destinations around the world, comprising 41 domestic and 134 international destinations. Visit www.turkishairlines.com for more information.

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