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## **COBHAM ESTABLISHES MISSION EQUIPMENT CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE**

Cobham plc ('Cobham'), a leading global supplier of aerospace and defence systems, today announced the latest in a series of strategic moves to create centres of excellence and improve customer focus. The engineering and production capabilities at Cobham's El Monte, California facility will be integrated into existing facilities in Davenport, Iowa and Orchard Park, New York where more than 600 personnel are based. The business units in Davenport and New York are market leaders in the development of pneumatic systems, key components in weapons carriage and release systems, a major growth area for Cobham.

The integration of the Company's mission equipment products and services, including air to air refuelling and weapons carriage and release capabilities, will be completed in late 2009.

Patrick O'Connor, VP of Cobham Mission Equipment said: *"We aim to make this move seamless for our customers."*

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### **Notes**

**1. Cobham plc** is an international company engaged in the development, delivery and support of advanced aerospace and defence systems for land, sea and air platforms. The Company specialises in the provision of components, sub-systems and services that keep people safe, improve communications and enhance the capability of aerospace and defence platforms.

**2. Cobham Mission Equipment** is the world market leader for air-to-air refuelling, providing fourth 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. The Division also has a 'wingtip to wingtip' capability providing 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.