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Cobham SATCOM Antenna Selected by Virgin Atlantic Airways for 747 Upgrade Programme

CAPE TOWN, South Africa – Cobham's HGA-7001 SATCOM high gain antenna subsystem has been selected by Virgin Atlantic for the airline's Boeing 747 cabin upgrade programme to commence in 2012. Virgin Atlantic will retrofit seven of its Boeing 747 aircraft with the Cobham antenna, which will enable Inmarsat SwiftBroadband (SBB) SATCOM connectivity into the cockpit and cabin.

"Virgin Atlantic's selection of the Cobham Antenna system is as a result of a rigorous and thorough selection process. The combination of technical excellence, coupled with a good commercial position, has secured the ongoing partnership between Virgin Atlantic and Cobham Antenna Systems and secured the best overall solution for our Boeing 747 cabin upgrade," says Sean Swain, General Manager, Supply Chain for Virgin Atlantic.

Cobham's antenna sub-system will be retrofitted to the fleet of seven Boeing 747-400 aircraft through an independent Supplemental Type Certificate (STC).

"We are delighted to announce the selection of the Cobham antenna hardware for the Virgin Atlantic retrofit opportunity. This is a great first step in making our technology available to the in-service aircraft market" says Fred Cahill, Vice President of Cobham Antenna Systems.

Other STCs are in progress to certify the Cobham antenna sub-system for retrofit on a range of aircraft platforms.

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 installation aboard the 787 and A350. Cobham's HGA-7001 SATCOM antenna sub-system has been selected by over 20 airlines.

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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 capabilities of land, sea, air, and space platforms. The Company has three divisions employing more than 10,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries.

About Cobham Antennas:

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.

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