



## News Release

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### **Cobham Avionics Unit Granted Certification Authority by FAA**

MINERAL WELLS, Texas – Cobham Avionics, Mineral Wells, formerly known as S-TEC Corporation, has been authorised by the FAA as an Organisation Designation Authorisation (ODA) entity for Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) projects. As part of ODA, the FAA delegates an organisation the authority to perform its own certification activities under FAA oversight. This represents the second such designation for a Cobham business unit; in 2008 Chelton Flight Systems, now also known as Cobham Avionics, was among the first organisations in the United States to be certified under ODA.

The FAA first established the ODA programme in August 2006 with the intention of making their overall certification process more safe, effective and efficient. ODA establishes a systems-based approach for FAA safety oversight of experienced manufacturers. These manufacturers must have considerable experience and a detailed, documented competence in part-by-part compliance with regulatory standards. In return, by establishing and implementing the ODA programme, the FAA is able to concentrate its resources on the most safety-critical areas of aviation and the development and application of new technologies.

Cobham will offer STC support to agencies that desire or need ODA services for the pursuit of their own STC. The Mineral Wells facility features a complete ODA support staff, including electrical and mechanical engineers, mechanics, avionics installers, conformity inspectors and pilots.

“This development will allow us to improve customer service and product delivery time, while helping the FAA to continue their efforts to bring safe and innovative products to the commercial and general aviation markets much more quickly and economically,” said Jim Shirey, General Manager of Cobham Avionics, Mineral Wells.

#### **About Cobham:**

Cobham’s products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for more than 70 years, keeping people safe, improving communications, and enhancing the capability of land, sea, air and space platforms. The Company has four divisions employing more than 12,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of more than £1.4bn / US\$2.1 billion.

Cobham Avionics provides integrated, end to end avionics solutions for fixed-wing and rotorcraft markets covering general aviation, special mission, military training, business and commuter, airline transport fixed-wing and rotorcraft markets. Leveraging a global

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presence, both FAA and EASA certifications, a broad technology base, and existing original equipment manufacturer positions with Agusta, Airbus, Bell, Boeing, Bombardier, Dassault, Eurocopter and Raytheon, Cobham Avionics offers high value solutions for virtually any avionics application.

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