

## News Release

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### **Cobham Receives Australia's Largest Resource Industry Aviation Support Contract**

PERTH – Cobham Aviation Services Australia (Cobham) has signed an agreement with Chevron Australia to provide fixed wing aviation services to support Chevron's operations in the north-west.

Cobham will provide fixed wing flights to and from Perth and Karratha to Barrow Island to support Chevron's operations and projects, including the Gorgon Project.

The initial contract is valued approximately AUD\$170 million, extending until 2016.

Cobham CEO Peter Nottage said: "The Chevron contract award is very significant for Cobham. It involves the introduction of new aircraft variants and positions the company for continued growth in the Western Australian resource industry market through to 2016. This is a credit to our very professional and dedicated team and I'm delighted that it provides them with further opportunities."

The company is currently engaged in settling numerous sub contracts to WA suppliers including Karratha Flying Services, security and pest control companies.

Under the contract, Cobham will introduce two new 100-seat Avro RJ100 aircraft into Australia, the first of their type to be engaged in the Australian fly-in, fly-out aviation sector.

These modern aircraft have been designed to incorporate a passenger and quarantine-friendly cabin with the aircraft interior planned especially for this project. The first of the RJ100 aircraft will be in service during the first half of 2010, followed closely by a second aircraft in 2011.

A critical element of the service is strict compliance with the environmental and quarantine conditions linked to the Gorgon Project.

During 2009 Cobham has also secured long term contracts with HWE, Minara and Australian Air Express with a total value over AUD\$200 million.

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## **About Cobham**

Cobham's products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for 75 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 / AUD\$3.5bn.

Cobham Aviation Services Australia is the largest provider of contracted air services in Australia. It operates a combined fleet of 42 aircraft throughout Australasia and employs more than 1100 people. Cobham operations include 'fly in, fly out' (FIFO) personnel transport services for resource companies, airline services for Qantas regional subsidiary QantasLink and high-capacity scheduled air freight services for express freight provider Australian air Express.

## **About the Gorgon Project**

The Gorgon Project is a joint venture between the Australian subsidiaries of Chevron (Operator), ExxonMobil and Shell, to develop the Greater Gorgon gas fields, located between 130km and 200km off the north-west coast of Western Australia. The Greater Gorgon gas fields contain resources of about 40 trillion cubic feet of gas, Australia's largest-known gas resource.

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## **Attachments**

1. Fact sheet (2 pages)
2. Photograph of Cobham Aviation Services Australia CEO, Peter Nottage (JPG file)