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Cobham trials SwiftBroadband X-Stream

CAPE TOWN, South Africa – Cobham has successfully flight trialed the new “X-stream” Inmarsat streaming class service on the Cobham SwiftBroadband equipment released in 2009.

The Cobham SATCOM SwiftBroadband product range provides connectivity on aircraft, enabling data networks, internet access, email, fax and telephony. The compact and modular products allow configuration options to fit every size aircraft.

In the X-stream trials, static on the ground data transfer at 470 kilobytes per second (kbps) were followed by in-flight data transfers during all aircraft maneuvers at Inmarsat selected rates of 256kbps and 384kbps, with no loss of data packets.

This service will be of particular interest for high-bandwidth applications such as video surveillance, where a single channel of SwiftBroadband X-Stream can replace four bonded channels of Swift64. The SwiftBroadband system is considerably smaller, lighter and cheaper than Swift64 equipment and offers a second channel for additional data and voice applications.

“We started our SwiftBroadband development long after some of the other manufacturers, but demonstrated that we have not only caught up, but are now the industry leaders,” said Cobham SATCOM Vice President John DeSana.

Cobham also produces an extensive range of market leading antennas that sets new standards in drag reduction, weight, compactness and power requirements for aircraft connectivity systems.

About Cobham SATCOM

Cobham SATCOM has been a market leader for more than 30 years, supplying satellite tracking antennas and communications systems for military and civil applications. Airborne products include complete Inmarsat systems and a range of steerable and phased array antennas used by military and commercial customers on commercial aircraft, business jets, helicopters and military platforms in high speed data and voice applications.

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 some £1.9 billion / \$3 billion.

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