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COBHAM BUSINESS UNIT RECEIVES US DOD VALUE ENGINEERING AWARD

Cobham plc ('Cobham') announces that one of its Life Support business units, Carleton Technologies (Carleton), has received the 2007 U.S. Department of Defence's (DoD) Value Engineering Achievement Award, one of only two companies in the U.S, to be so honoured. The award is for design changes to a Microclimate Cooling Unit that reduced lead time without compromising performance, produced a lighter weight product and contributed to a \$3.8M saving by the US DoD over the life of a 5-year contract.

The design changes were submitted to the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM) to replace an analog controller with a digital one in the existing Microclimate Cooling Unit (MCU). The MCU helps the warfighter stay cool and mission capable in the extreme heat of the Middle East and more than 8,000 combat proven systems have been fielded to date.

The prestigious award will be presented on 19 June at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., in a ceremony hosted by the Honourable John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition and Technology to the following company representatives: Cobham Mission Systems President Kelly Coffield, Carleton General Manager Kenneth Kota, Director of Engineering and Programs Timothy Sopko, and Engineering Manager Kevin Kankolenski.

Andy Stevens, Cobham's Chief Operating Officer, commented:

"This award reflects our ongoing investment in operational improvements using Lean Six Sigma tools and is a great credit to the team involved."

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Cobham Life Support is a strategic business unit within the Cobham Mission Systems Division specialising in the design and manufacture of a distinctive range of life support and pneumatic control products. Subsystems and products are in service in more than 30 countries around the world serving primary markets including: Commercial Aircraft, Military Aircraft Life Support and Pneumatic Systems, Space, Guided Weapons, Marine Products, Diving Systems, and Package Testing.