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COBHAM TO OPEN NEW COMPOSIT PARTS PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (November 17, 2009) Cobham will open a new composite parts manufacturing facility in Suffolk during early 2010. The facility will manufacture advanced composite products for the aerospace and defense industry. Cobham anticipates that nearly 200 new jobs will be created during the first five years of the new facility's operation.

The Suffolk facility will operate as part of Cobham's Defense Systems division and will complement existing similar facilities in San Diego, California. Similar products will be produced at both the San Diego and Suffolk facilities, with a strong emphasis on high-volume production programs in the Suffolk facility. The focus will be on advanced aircraft engine components, aircraft and rotorcraft structural products, unmanned aerial vehicle components, as well as missile and munitions products for the US defense industry.

Jeremy Wensinger, President Cobham Defense Systems division said: "The most significant factors that sold us on Suffolk included its outstanding quality of living, close proximity to excellent academic institutions with complementary curricula to our industry, and most importantly a high-technology skilled and disciplined workforce available through the over 18,000 retiring military personnel annually."

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 / $2.1 billion.

Cobham Defense Systems – one of Cobham's four operating division – designs, develops and manufactures critical technology for network centric and intelligence operations, enabling information to be moved around and managed on the digital battlefield. The Division also supplies distinctive, high technology products for the commercial aerospace and civilian markets.

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