Cobham Selected for Inmarsat’s Global Xpress™ in US $40M Deal

CONCORD, California – Cobham has been selected by Inmarsat to be the maritime terminal launch partner for Inmarsat’s new Global Xpress™ global broadband service, with a distribution opportunity valued at $40 million over the next five years, and potential for more depending on market success.

Cobham has been awarded contracts to develop, manufacture, test and distribute Global Xpress maritime satellite terminals, through their Sea Tel product line. As initial launch partner, Cobham will ensure availability of Global Xpress maritime satellite terminals at service introduction planned for 2013.

“Cobham ranks number one in its Sea Tel VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) range. We’re known for creating innovative products that helped fuel the growth of C and Ku band maritime VSAT services”, said Fred Cahill, vice president of Cobham Antenna Systems. “We are thrilled to partner with Inmarsat to help create the next generation of rugged and reliable maritime terminals for use on military ships, recreational boats, offshore platforms and more.”

Global Xpress™ will begin operations in 2013 with services tailored initially for the government, energy and maritime markets. Global Xpress™ takes advantage of the additional bandwidth available in the Ka-band to offer download rates of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and upload speeds of 5Mbps from mobile user terminals as small as 60 centimeters.

About Cobham Antenna Systems

Cobham Antenna Systems is a world leader in the design and manufacture of communication systems and antennas for aircraft, ships and vehicles. Cobham’s innovative communication, navigation, jamming, electronic warfare, telemetry and
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radar antennas serve all major commercial aviation manufacturers and operators, major defence contractors, emergency response organisations and law enforcement agencies with high speed data, voice and video. Cobham’s stabilised marine antennas are acknowledged as the best in their field for commercial shipping, oil and gas platforms, cruise ships and super yachts, with more than 20,000 in service.

About Cobham
Cobham’s products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for more than 75 years, keeping people safe, improving communications, and enhancing the capability of land, sea, air and space platforms. The Company has three divisions employing more than 11,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of some £1.9bn / $3 billion.

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