

## News Release

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### **Cobham Wins Sikorsky Contract for CH-53K Helicopter Composite Rotor Blade Assemblies**

SAN DIEGO, California – Cobham has been awarded a contract from Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation to manufacture advanced composite components and assemblies for the main rotor blades of the United States Marine Corps' CH-53K Heavy Lift Replacement Helicopter under development by Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX) .

Cobham's Antenna Systems unit, under which all composites operations have now been consolidated, will manufacture all leading and trailing edge details and precisely locate and bond the details onto the main rotor blade spar. Depending on how many CH-53K helicopters are eventually built by Sikorsky for the US Marine Corps, the contract could be worth up to US\$25 million.

Work under this contract will be done initially at Cobham's San Diego, California facility, then will transition to full-scale production at the company's new composite manufacturing facility in Suffolk, Virginia, which is scheduled to become operational in early 2010.

"This is an anchor program for our business with Sikorsky, and establishes Cobham's composites business as a supplier to three United Technologies Corporation subsidiaries," said Fred Cahill, Vice President of Cobham Antenna Systems.

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#### **About Cobham Antenna Systems:**

With more than 60 years experience, Cobham Antenna Systems is a world leader in the design and manufacture of communication systems and navigation antennas for land, air and marine applications. Thousands of innovative multi-band frequency hopping radio, tunable antenna and filter designs and solutions have been developed for military and civil aircraft, ships, vehicles and fixed installations. Cobham Antenna Systems also produces high performance composite products for the aerospace industry, including radomes and components for US and UK military aircraft, ships and vehicles.

#### **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 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.

#### **About Sikorsky:**

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries.

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