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Onboard Systems Receives Indian Certification for Airbus Helicopters AS350 Replacement Cargo Hook Kit

Vancouver, WA—February 24, 2016—Onboard Systems International, Inc., a leading provider of innovative helicopter cargo hook equipment, today announced that its replacement cargo hook kit for the Airbus Helicopters AS350 aircraft has been certified for use in India by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). A letter of acceptance was issued for the installation of Onboard Systems cargo hook equipment covered under FAA STC SR00886SE for use on the AS350B, AS350BA, AS350D, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, and H125 model helicopters.

“We’re pleased to be able to respond to the requests for certification from our Indian customers who want to install Onboard’s cargo hook equipment on this aircraft,” said Karsten Lemmon, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Onboard Systems. “The AS350 is one of the most popular aircraft for external loadwork missions, and our safety-enhanced and cost-effective cargo hook replacement kit will enable our Indian operators to replace their older, outdated cargo hooks with the latest safety technologies.”

With thousands of units in operation worldwide, Onboard’s cargo hook kits have a long and proven track record of safety and reliability. This particular AS350 replacement cargo hook kit enables operators to retrofit their existing OEM swing frame with Onboard’s signature TALON[®] LC Keeperless Cargo Hook. The advanced technology built into this cargo hook allows it to work with a variety of load ring sizes and styles while eliminating the possibility of losing a load that inadvertently slides past the keeper. A trade-in credit may also be available; please contact Onboard Systems for more information.

About Onboard Systems

Onboard Systems International, Inc. designs and manufactures a complete line of innovative helicopter cargo hook equipment under its TALON brand, including belly hooks, cargo hook suspension systems, Onboard Weighing Systems and remote hooks. Its low-weight, high quality products provide helicopter operators with increased cost efficiencies and safety through customer-driven designs, responsive service and support, and low ongoing maintenance costs. Onboard Systems maintains a rigorous quality management system (QMS) designed to meet or exceed the strict requirements of AS9100 Revision C, ISO 9001:2008, helicopter airframe manufacturers, and the FAA. Founded in 1975, Onboard Systems is a privately held US corporation located in Vancouver, Washington.

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