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Onboard Systems Robinson R66 Cargo Hook Kits Receive Brazilian ANAC Certification

Vancouver, WA—March 14, 2016— Onboard Systems International, Inc., a leading provider of innovative helicopter cargo hook equipment, announced that its cargo hook kits for the Robinson R66 aircraft have been certified for use in Brazil by the Agencia Nacional de Aviacao Civil (ANAC). A Certificado de Homologacao Suplementar de Tipos (CHST) was issued for the cargo hook kits. Onboard has already received FAA, Transport Canada, and EASA certification for these kits.

“We’re pleased to be able to respond to the requests for certification from our Brazilian customers who want to install Onboard’s cargo hook equipment on their Robinson R66 aircraft,” said Karsten Lemmon, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Onboard Systems. “Onboard’s cargo hook system for the R66 includes many of our latest safety developments, and we look forward to helping our customers put this equipment into service for their external load work missions worldwide.”

Onboard’s Robinson R66 Cargo Hook Kit is built around the latest-generation TALON[®] Keeperless Cargo Hook, which is designed to handle a wide variety of load ring sizes and styles while eliminating the possibility of losing loads that might inadvertently slide past the keeper. Other safety features include a rugged mount point with quadruple shear joint to ensure torsional strength, the best available ground clearance from the lowest hanging point of the cargo hook (10.5-IN / 27-CM), and a lock indicator window to give the ground crew an easy visual confirmation that the hook is locked.

The optional Remote Hook Electrical Release Kit gives pilots the ability to release loads from the cockpit, while the Onboard Weighing System helps to show the exact weight of the load on the cargo hook. Onboard’s weighing system for the Robinson R66 uses state-of-the-art pin load cell technology to increase ground clearance by replacing the main attach bolt instead of mounting as a separate link above the hook, providing easier cable routing and lower system weight.

Onboard’s Robinson R66 Cargo Hook Kit comes with all the fixed and removable provisions needed for installation. It includes the cargo hook, attach point, manual and electrical release cables, plus the optional Onboard Weighing System and Remote Hook Electrical Release Kit, if ordered. As with all Onboard cargo hooks, maintenance and overhauls can be performed at the factory, by a qualified repair facility, or by the operator in the field using simple hand tools.

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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