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Onboard Systems AS350 Hydraulic Swing Cargo Hook Kits with Surefire Option Certified by FAA and Transport Canada

Vancouver, WA—June 16, 2016—Onboard Systems International, Inc., a leading provider of innovative helicopter cargo hook equipment, today announced that its Surefire™ hydraulic cargo hook swing system kits for the Airbus AS350 (H125) helicopter have been STC certified by the FAA and Transport Canada. Onboard has also submitted these systems to EASA for certification in Europe. These cargo hook kits are the first to offer Onboard’s new Surefire cargo hook release technology for the TALON® LC Keeperless hook class. The Surefire circuit requires a purposeful, half-second press against the hook release button, guarding against inadvertent releases caused by accidental contact with the release button during flight.

“We introduced the Surefire release technology on our non-rotating medium Bell cargo hook kits last year, and since then we’ve had a number of customer requests to add this option to our light-class cargo hook kits,” said Karsten Lemmon, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Onboard Systems. “We are only just beginning to roll out the Surefire release technology across our product lines, and will continue to make this option available to more and more cargo hook kits in the months and years ahead.”

In addition to offering the Surefire release technology option on new equipment, Onboard Systems can upgrade existing equipment for select models of certified cargo hooks at the factory during overhauls or upon request. Upgrade kits will also be available for operators with the capabilities to perform this work in house or through a local service facility. Please contact us 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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