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MBDA PRODUCES 10,000TH DIAMOND BACK[®] WING FOR THE SMALL DIAMETER BOMB PROGRAM

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, California: MBDA Missile Systems celebrated a milestone in the company's U.S. history today during a ceremonial rollout of the 10,000th *Diamond Back*[®] wing assembly at their Westlake Village, California division.

The *Diamond Back*[®] wing assembly is used by the US Air Force's Small [Diameter Bomb](#) (SDB [Increment 1](#)) program. The Boeing Company is the prime contractor. In 2010, MBDA Missile Systems received a Boeing Performance Excellence Award for its work as a *Diamond Back*[®] wing manufacturer. The Boeing Company issues the award annually to recognize suppliers who have achieved superior performance. MBDA maintained a Silver composite performance rating for each month of the 12-month performance period, from Oct. 1, 2009, to Sept. 30, 2010.

Jerry Agee, CEO of MBDA Missile Systems in the US said: "This production milestone and the performance award are a credit to every employee who had a hand in designing and building Diamond Back wings and a testament to the high quality of our work force."

The fully integrated *Diamond Back*[®] wing for SDB is in full rate production and has been combat proven in Operation *Iraqi Freedom* and Operation *Enduring Freedom*. Future variants of the *Diamond Back*[®] wing are in development for other applications, including MBDA's SABER[™] (Small Air Bomb Extended Range) weapon.

Notes to editors

MBDA is a world leading missile systems company offering a comprehensive international product range incorporating today's most advanced technology. With an annual turnover in 2010 exceeding \$4 billion, a forward order book of over \$17 billion and over 90 customers world-wide, MBDA Missile Systems and its U.S. National Company offer a complementary range of weapon systems, including the world-leading METEOR air to air missile, numerous precision weapon systems, warheads and fuzes, and the *Laser Guided Zuni*[™] rocket.

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