

VelocityEHS Helps Global Technology Leader Improve Accountability



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Cobham PLC (Cobham) is a leading technology and services innovator, with a global reputation for providing solutions that include satellite communications, defense electronics, air-to-air refueling, aviation services, and wireless technologies. Founded in 1934, it employs more than 12,000 people on five continents.

Cobham’s Davenport, Iowa, facility focuses on aerospace and defense technology. There, the company designs and manufactures everything from refueling systems for airplanes to rebreathers for Navy SEALs. Despite its position at the forefront of multiple leading-edge technologies, Cobham for many years relied on manual systems for the collection of EHS data and incident recording. When he arrived a year ago, Carl Vass — Cobham’s senior safety health and environment manager — knew there was a better way of doing things; he’d seen it firsthand.

“I had used *VelocityEHS* extensively at my previous employer, and had even traveled

to the *VelocityEHS* home office in Toronto,” explains Mr. Vass. “I knew what a strong product it was, and what it could do for Cobham. I also knew how it could be customized to fit our needs, and how well it worked. When I came aboard, it was at the top of my list.”

Mr. Vass explains that he was able to quickly make the case that *VelocityEHS* would bring the efficiencies Cobham needed to streamline its EHS management.

“At the time, Cobham was collecting its EHS data on paper,” says Mr. Vass. “I showed our people how an electronic system would let us do so much more. They understood what the benefits would be right away. They were excited.”

After adopting *VelocityEHS*, Cobham began to see powerful results almost immediately.

“Boy, it’s worked out real well,” reflects Mr. Vass. “We’ve saved so much in terms of time and follow-up effort. In the past, we might have just put out a sheet internally that said what we did in our audits. The report was sent around physically, but we didn’t have

a system that could ensure it was delivered, and make sure people knew when they had corrective actions to address. Now with *VelocityEHS*, it’s automatic. We can put the audits in immediately, so they get out faster to people. We can find out if corrective actions got done, and send out reminders. It also has the added benefit of making what we do more visible to our upper management.”

Mr. Vass stresses that Cobham realized particular benefits in terms of this project visibility enhancement.

“The meetings function is great for safety audits, but also for looking at what got done, and what still needs to be done,” explains Mr. Vass. “We have Management meetings every week, and we can keep things out in front of people. That capability had to be done manually before, and things could slip through the cracks. Now, nobody says, ‘Wait a minute, why didn’t that get done?’ Now, it gets done. This has made a big difference. Things stay organized and accountable.”



Asked what advice he would give a new *VelocityEHS* customer, Mr. Vass advises jumping in and becoming familiar with the system.

"Make sure you truly understand the system and what it can do," says Mr. Vass. "Don't be afraid to just go in and play around. That's what I tell people here all the time. You can't break it. Just go use it. It works so well. You'll discover so much!"

Mr. Vass concludes by noting that Cobham's success in Davenport has encouraged it to look at expanding *VelocityEHS* deployment to its other locations.

"We're excited about what this can do for the rest of our organization," says Mr. Vass. "I grew up with different versions of this product. I've really enjoyed it and always thought it did an awful lot. Now other people are seeing that, too. The newest version has been great. It's no longer just an EHS tool. It has so many other uses, as well!"

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