



**MANUFACTURERS DECLARATION -25 th MAY 2016**  
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**RE: DISRUPTION IN SUPPLY OF THE COMET 9162700**  
**AND PAINS WESSEX 950080 LINETHROWER 250 ROCKET-**  
**Component of Linethrowing device Comet 9160400 PW 9502000**  
**SITUATION UPDATE**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are still experiencing delays in supply of Linethrower 250 rocket propellant, which is an essential, specialised component of the rocket.

An incident involving an unintended ignition occurred at the premises of one of our sub-suppliers. Their production line buildings and machinery were damaged. Their facility has now been repaired and re-commissioned. Unfortunately, they are experiencing delays in obtaining components from their sub-suppliers, which, in turn, makes it impossible for us to reduce / catch up any lead times.

We have explored other potential avenues of propellant supply, which took time to bring on line as new type approvals and CE marks had to be obtained. However, they cannot re-supply any quicker than our original supplier can.

We are currently supplying a limited amount of rockets, but we have a significant amount of back-orders to satisfy which increases daily. Therefore, we currently have to quote **16-17 weeks lead-time for all new orders placed.**

Note that it is not our distributors' fault if they are unable to supply our linethrowing rockets to ships at this time. Be assured that we are doing everything in our power to resolve the situation as quickly as possible to minimise the effect on our distributors and on ships requiring new rockets.

If it is not possible for a ship to obtain replacement linethrowers, in order to keep vessels in service, we sanction an extension of the marked service life /expiry date marked on our rocket until the vessel can obtain a replacement linethrower. This extension should not exceed 6 months from the expiry date marked on the rocket and should not exceed 4 years from date of manufacture marked. This is subject to the agreement of the vessels' flag state, Owner/Operator and local surveyor.

Note that line throwing rockets made by other manufacturers CANNOT be used in our LT250 line containers.

We apologise for all inconveniences caused.

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