



MANUFACTURERS DECLARATION –March 2017
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 have experienced delays in supply of Linethrower 250 rocket propellant, which is an essential, specialised component of the rocket.

Unfortunately, incidents involving unintended ignitions have occurred at the premises of our original sub- supplier, which badly damaged their production facilities. We have placed propellant orders on alternative suppliers, who required time to procure, manufacture, approve and supply product for us to manufacture more rockets.

We are currently manufacturing rockets and we are receiving intermittent supplies of propellant which is enabling us to start clearing the backlog of orders. While the situation is improving, unfortunately, we currently still have to quote 12 weeks plus lead-times for new orders placed. We plan to get back to standard lead-times in the next couple of months.

Be aware that it is not our distributors' fault if they are unable to supply our linethrowing rockets to ships at this time. Please 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 ideally not exceed 6 months from the expiry date marked on the rocket. 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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