

Capewell's AGAS Precision Airdrop System is Best in Show at NATO PACD

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Arcachon, France – Capewell's Affordable Guided Airdrop System (**AGAS**) demonstrated outstanding results during its drop demonstration at the second NATO Precision Airdrop Capability Demonstration (PACD). This event showcases technologies and capabilities for precision airdrop in special operations scenarios.

Two AGAS Container Delivery Systems, each with 2,000 pound loads were dropped by a Belgium C-130 from 10,000 feet using a three kilometer horizontal standoff. The loads received their detailed flight path from the solution provided by another Capewell product, the Joint Precision Air Drop System – Mission Planner (**JPADS-MP**). JPADS* used the latest weather data from the release of dropsondes prior to the release of the AGAS loads.

Both loads received GPS lock and steered towards the desired impact point, making adjustments as required throughout the flight to maintain the objective of reaching the target. Both loads landed safely eight yards apart, at a distance of 35 yards and 27 yards from the desired impact point. The AGAS systems were the most accurate of all the systems demonstrated and proved to the attendees that a round parachute can be steered as well or even better than a parafoil system.

The NATO PACD is organized by the French MoD to improve interoperability between NATO nations and participating aerial delivery industry. This year, aircraft were provided by the USAF (C-130), Belgian AF (C-130), German AF (C-160) and French AF (C-160). Nations that attended included, US, UK, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Spain, Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Industry was represented by attendees from US and across Europe.

*Capewell is the exclusive international distributor for JPADS manufactured by Qinetiq NA Technology Solutions Group.

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