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Press Release

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Blackhawk Gains EASA Approval of the Popular Super XPR₆₁ Engine Upgrade

Waco, Texas (August 8, 2008) – Blackhawk Modifications, the leading provider of engine upgrades for turbine powered aircraft, announced the expansion of their portfolio of worldwide certified engine upgrades by gaining European (EASA) approval of the Pratt & Whitney PT6A-61 engines for the King Air 200 and B200 series. The added performance and value associated with the Blackhawk Super XPR₆₁ engines has made this the fastest selling engine upgrade in the company's history.

Popular demand for the factory new PT6A-61 engines led Blackhawk to pursue worldwide certification. Jim Allmon, Blackhawk CEO and President, heralds this latest approval as part of a long standing tradition of customer support. "Global certification is an important milestone in our commitment to operators in need of graduated performance," said Allmon. "The Super XPR₆₁ approval in Europe has ushered in a new and improved approach to standard engine overhaul and the associated basic performance levels. Blackhawk is proud to offer new engines as a performance and value based solution for King Air operators across the planet," concluded Allmon.

Blackhawk has the largest non OEM engine contract in force with Pratt & Whitney. The engines are priced based on the Pratt exchange program and generous credit is issued for time remaining to overhaul on core PT6A-41 or -42 engines. The Super XPR₆₁ EASA approval includes the complete Raisbeck EPIC Platinum package as a prerequisite. The aerodynamic improvements of Raisbeck coupled with the power of Blackhawk offer better than new performance for the entire King Air 200 series.

The Super XPR₆₁ package can be installed by Blackhawk's global network of distributors which includes the most prominent facilities in Europe. Contact MCA Aviation in the United Kingdom, Beechcraft Vertrieb Und Service in Germany and Ruag Aerospace in Switzerland to reserve a Blackhawk delivery position or to schedule regular aircraft maintenance and support.

Please contact Blackhawk @ 254-755-6711 for delivery schedule details.

About Blackhawk Modifications:

Blackhawk Modifications is the leading turboprop aircraft engine upgrade company in the world specializing in King Air 90 and 200 series aircraft as well as Conquest I and Cheyenne series. Headquartered in Waco, Texas, Blackhawk has now equipped over 180 turboprop aircraft with the Pratt & Whitney XP engine upgrade since 2000 and continues to certify new engine upgrades and value adding enhancements designed to increase the usefulness and safety of the turboprop fleet.

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