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## **Blackhawk Modifications Continues to Expand Distributor Ranks Worldwide**

Waco, TX (Nov. 13, 2009) —Blackhawk Modifications, the worldwide leader in performance upgrades for the turboprop fleet, is expanding its ranks of distributors worldwide as demand for engine upgrades continues to swell.

The company most recently has completed distribution agreements both in the U.S. and in Europe and

Australia, including Bromma Air Maintenance AB of Sweden; Scandinavian Air Technologies of Denmark; Cobham Aviation Service, UK; Approved Aircraft Maintenance, Australia; Hawker Pacific, Australia; and Lanmar Aviation, CT.



“The explosive growth of distributors worldwide is testament to Blackhawk’s commitment to quality products and superior services,” said Jim Allmon, president and CEO of Blackhawk Modifications. “We began this operation with just a couple of people, an idea and a lot of hard work. Pratt & Whitney recognized a new company that was ready to work harder than anyone else to sell the best turboprop engines in the world. That was over 10 years ago. It’s gratifying to be recognized as the leader in value and performance but we’re striving harder than ever to bring Blackhawk’s products to the world market.”

“It’s more than gratifying to bring in new distributors to the Blackhawk family,” added Bobby Patton, Blackhawk Director of Dealer Development. “Seeing the enthusiasm of these companies, both large and small, makes me proud to represent the leader in engine upgrades. The depth of knowledge these

distributors bring to the table is astounding. You can go almost anywhere in the world and find an installer with the greatest degree of experience with Blackhawk engines.”

**Bromma Air Maintenance AB** is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The company provides base and line maintenance, repair and overhaul services in their four hangars in Sweden; at their Bromma City Airport headquarters as well as their facilities in Norrköping, Linköping and Sveg. Beside the regular overhaul of airframes and engines, they also offer in-house part and avionics shops, sheet metal work, license welding, paint shop and NDT. They have their own CAMO and DOA in house and are EASA approved. BAM is a Beechcraft Platinum Service Center Rated Facility and a Pratt & Whitney recognized Maintenance Facility.

Marcus Lönn, Director Marketing & Sales Parts at **Bromma Air Maintenance AB**, expressed deep satisfaction with their new partnership with the U.S. performance company. “We are extremely happy to work with Blackhawk, and we look forward to serving Blackhawk clients in Sweden.”

**Scandinavian Aircraft Technologies A/S** (ScanTech) is an EASA-approved aircraft maintenance facility which has specialized in Beechcraft piston and turbine powered aircraft for more than 30 years to become one of Europe’s premier aviation facilities. They are both Pratt & Whitney Recognized Maintenance Facility and Engine Service Center with capabilities covering component overhaul, avionics and Continued Airworthiness Management (CAMO).

Sales Manager Mads Jensen said, “We are excited about becoming a Blackhawk distributor. The Blackhawk engine upgrade program fits nicely on the palette of options and services we offer our King Air customers. We have been servicing King Airls for 30 years and with the Blackhawk upgrades giving new life to old King Airls we are looking forward to the next 30 years.”

Headquartered at Bournemouth International Airport on the South Coast of the United Kingdom – and with a fixed base at Durham Tees Valley on the North East Coast – **Cobham Aviation Services** is well placed to service Blackhawk customers throughout the U.K. Their experienced engineering staff also regularly operate away from these bases throughout Europe and the Middle East.

“We are delighted to be appointed as a Blackhawk Distributor,” said Mike Davies, Director of Aircraft Modifications & Integration. “As soon as we met with Jim Allmon we knew that his vision, technical

knowledge and enthusiasm would work well with our engineering expertise, experience and customer service ethos.”

Cobham Aviation Services owns and operates our own fleet of 6 King Air aircraft engaged on demanding Flight Inspection work as well as maintaining external customer aircraft – both privately owned aircraft and Special Mission aircraft. Furthermore, we have extensive Civilian and Military approvals for aircraft maintenance, modifications and flight test. We are also a Hawker Beechcraft Authorised Service Centre and a Raisbeck Dealer. All of which, we believe, means we will have a great future working with Blackhawk Modification.”

**Approved Aircraft Maintenance**, located at Toowoomba airfield, Queensland, was established in 1982. The company supports a vast range of aircraft and offers many services including single and twin aircraft maintenance in all categories. They handle major airframe structural and sheet metal repairs, as well as a piston engine overhauls. They work closely with on-field avionics shop assisting with avionics upgrades. General Manager Paul Coughran said, “We are small company that values our customers and their requirements by offering personal attention to detail. We’re happy to be working with Blackhawk and getting the word around about Blackhawk.”

**Hawker Pacific** headquartered in Bankstown, is a leader in aviation sales and product support, both civil and military, offering a total solutions package. Their client list includes heads of state, defense forces, emergency services, specialist agencies, major corporations and private customers. They are ISO 9001: 2000 accredited and also certified and licensed by many of the world's major manufacturers of aircraft, aviation components and systems.

John Baldwin, Hawker Pacific National Business Development Manager, stated, “Because Hawker Pacific represents one of the leading aircraft manufacturers in aviation – Hawker Beechcraft, it is able to offer its customers a wide diversity of fixed wing aircraft such as the King Air 200,300 series. Because these aircraft are powered by the Pratt & Whitney PT6 series engines, then our relationship with Blackhawk Engines as their Sales & Service Centre for Australia and the region, allows for us to offer a wider support to our customers as a MRO. The Cessna Conquest & the Grand Caravan (C208) also fits into this category as we are able to offer the Blackhawk Engine up-grades with factory new modified engines for these two aircraft types too.

Returning to the Hawker Beech product and of particular & significance advantage - is that we are able to market the Blackhawk brand and exchange – specifically for the King Air -200 the older -41 engines for the -42, which offers our customer base a significant advantage in that the engine is changed out for a new unit and immediately available instead of the usual turn times a shop visit would normally take, coupled with the additional expense incurred because of possible major component failure requiring replacement at overhaul; and the exchange price for these engines is very competitive when one considers the latter. Hawker Pacific is proud to be able to offer the Blackhawk Engines product within its comprehensive capabilities for MRO support”.

**Lanmar Aviation**, located at the New London Airport in Groton, CT. Their capabilities range from basic troubleshooting and annual inspections on piston aircraft, progressive inspections on turboprops, and phase inspections on most jets. They offer Pratt & Whitney, Cessna, Cirrus and Raytheon maintenance, with factory trained and certified technicians on a wide range of airframes.

**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, Cheyenne and Caravan series. Headquartered in Waco, Texas, Blackhawk has now equipped over 240 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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