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James O'Brien (left) of Field Air with Matt Dennington, General Manager of Vector's Brisbane facility

VECTOR AEROSPACE SIGNS EXCLUSIVE PT6A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FIELD AIR

Vector Aerospace (www.vectoraerospace.com), a global independent provider of aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, recently announced that it has entered into an exclusive agreement with Field Air to provide Pratt & Whitney Canada (P&WC) PT6A engine services. Field Air, headquartered in Ballarat, Victoria, is the primary Air Tractor dealership for Asia Pacific and one of Australia's leading aerial application businesses. Under the terms of the multi-year agreement, Vector will provide comprehensive engine MRO services in support of Field Air's fleet of five Air Tractors. In addition, Vector will provide comprehensive MRO services to Field Air for all engines provided by its customers. "We appreciate the excellent service levels, support and flexibility provided by everyone at the Vector Brisbane facility," says Peter Mackay, Managing Director at Field Air Group of Companies. "We look forward to the continuation of this valued working relationship."

"The signing of this exclusive agreement demonstrates the excellent progress our Brisbane facility is making in its support of the agricultural and firefighting aviation markets with in the Australian region," says Matt Dennington General Manager of Vector's Brisbane facility. "We look forward to enhancing our relationship with Field Air in the coming years as they continue to develop and expand within the Asia Pacific region." Field Air and other operators throughout Asia Pacific also benefit from the support of Vector's Mobile Repair Team (MRT), which is composed of 150 dedicated employees specifically focused on MRT operations globally. The MRT operation is designed around a 'Quick Turn Around' and 'Travel Ready' philosophy to support customers' needs 24/7. The majority of Vector's MRT professionals are licensed A&P technicians, who have either worked in a service center or as an MRT in their careers, and who on average benefit from 30+ years of experience in their field.



HELIFLITE™ ACQUIRES FIRST AW139 DESTINED FOR PART 135 VIP SERVICE ON EASTERN SEABOARD.

HELI-EXPO, DALLAS, TX - HeliFlite™ today announced the continued expansion of its fleet with the addition of its 10th twin engine/dual piloted helicopter, an Agusta Westland AW139. The aircraft will be finished with a luxury executive cabin, providing ample room for as many as nine VIP passengers.

The aircraft will operate from the firm's home base at Newark Liberty Airport where it will be made available to the public for charter flights as well as providing service to the company's growing list of Corporate and VIP contract clients.

Kurt Carlson, CEO of HeliFlite noted, "This is a very exciting addition to our fleet because we have seen a growing interest in the Aw139 among our client base, and this will be the only VIP configured AW139 available for Part 135 VIP operations on the eastern seaboard, and perhaps anywhere in the United States."

The purchase is the second aircraft acquired in the last 12 months for the 19-year-old company which also has operations in Chicago and West Palm Beach, Florida.

The HeliFlite combined charter and fractional ownership fleet also includes four Bell 430s, four Sikorsky S-76s, and a Bell 429, all executive cabin class helicopters. The company exclusively operates twin-engine, dual piloted aircraft that accommodate 6-9 passengers. All aircraft are equipped with state of the art avionics, which according to Francesco Lazzarini, HeliFlite's Chief Operating Officer, is "a direct reflection of our *Safety First* culture and our commitment to accurate and safe navigation in any weather."

This has been recognized in the company maintaining the prestigious ARGUS Platinum rating. It is also endorsed by Wyvern, which recommends the company as a preferred operator.

An advertisement for AsBAA. It features a hand holding a glowing globe in the foreground. In the background, there is a stylized city skyline with various buildings. The AsBAA logo is in the top left corner. The text at the bottom reads: "The Power of AsBAA is within YOUR Grasp" and "Connect with us at Booth H109 or visit www.asbaa.org".

VECTOR AEROSPACE LEASES FIVE AS332L SUPER PUMA HELICOPTERS TO STARLITE AVIATION



Dublin, Ireland Vector Aerospace Corporation (www.vectoraerospace.com), a global independent provider of aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, has recently supplied five extensively modified AS332L Super Puma helicopters on lease to Starlite Aviation. The multi-year lease arrangement was undertaken through Vector Financial Services, based in Dublin, Ireland, in partnership with Airbus Helicopters.

Based in Ireland and South Africa, Starlite Aviation Group offers a wide range of helicopter services to international clients such as multinational organizations for peace keeping and logistic missions in support of governments involving the transportation of passengers and freight, heavy load aerial work,

surveillance and executive transportation worldwide.

Prior to their deployment, the aircraft were upgraded with engine filters, dual Garmin navigation systems and tracking systems, amongst other modifications. Two of the Super Pumas were modified at Vector's facility in Fleetlands, Gosport, UK, with the three other aircraft upgraded at Vector's Richmond, BC, Canada facility. Both of these locations are Airbus Helicopters approved maintenance centers for the AS332 Super Puma family.

Alan O'Neill, Chief Operating Officer, Starlite Aviation Group, commented: "We are extremely pleased with the extensive, quality modifications completed by Vector, and we are de-

lighted to further our leasing relationship with them."

Commencing December 2016, Starlite Aviation deployed the leased AS332L helicopters in Africa to facilitate civilian operations there, transporting passengers and cargo in difficult austere terrain. Starlite Aviation is supplying pilots, maintenance leadership and administration staff to support the multi-year operation of the versatile Super Pumas in these territories.

Fabrice Arfi, Airbus Helicopters' Vice President of Business Development, commented: "Airbus Helicopters and Vector Aerospace are thrilled that Starlite Aviation has once again chosen to rely on the Super Puma to support its operations in such a challenging operating environment. This highlights the trust that Starlite has in the Super Puma helicopter family."

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AIRMED INTERNATIONAL OPENS CINCINNATI BASE

AirMed International has opened a Beechjet 400 base at Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport to serve air medical transportation and organ procurement and recovery flights. The Beechjet will be housed in the Signature Flight Support Fixed Base Operation facility at the airport.

"The new AirMed Cincinnati base allows us to extend our footprint in the Midwest and gives our partners increased efficiencies," said AirMed President Denise Treadwell. "The Beechjet 400 is just one of our state-of-the-art air ambulance jets capable of delivering on AirMed's commitment to provide an uncompromising standard of care while remaining the fastest way to recovery when it is needed most."

The Cincinnati base is already operational. It provides support throughout the Midwest and has operational capabilities to perform air medical transports across the U.S. The Beechjet 400's medical interior is ideal for short to mid-range transports, with seating capacity of up to five.

With global reach, AirMed International is one of the leading air medical transport companies in the world, with more than 20,000 missions in all 50 states and over 150 countr-

ies on six continents. AirMed offers unparalleled medical care and bedside-to-bedside transportation on a worldwide basis and has some of the most experienced air medical crews in the industry. Chosen as a preferred operator for many of the top hospitals around the globe, as well as a contracted carrier for the U.S. Department of Defense, AirMed operates its own fleet of fully customized and permanently configured jets.

With state-of-the-art medical jets and experienced and respected medical teams, AirMed is able to deliver an uncompromising standard of care. AirMed owns and operates all aircraft as well as employing its own dispatch, flight, and medical teams. This vertical integration ensures seamless service and world-class care 24/7/365.

AirMed provides worldwide services from multiple bases strategically located across the globe. With accreditation from both CAMTS and EURAMI, AirMed is able to deliver excellent transport experiences to customers regardless of location. AirMed International is an Air Medical Group Holdings company. For more info go to www.airmed.com.



TV presenter Julia Bradbury to host a headline Keynote at BTTS 2017

British Tourism & Travel Show the largest domestic tourism showcase for Britain and Ireland's travel trade is renowned for attracting a host of big name speakers and this year is no exception.

TV presenter and outdoor walking enthusiast Julia Bradbury is confirmed as a Key note speaker. Best known for her TV work on BBC's primetime Countryfile and her enduringly successful walking series, Julia is no stranger to the UK tourism sector.

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FAI SAYS FAREWELL TO ITS LAST LEARJET 35A

German Special Mission Operator FAI rent-a-jet AG (dba Flight Ambulance Intl.) recently celebrated a special milestone in the company's history as the last remaining Learjet 35A aircraft in its fleet took off from Nuremberg for its new home in Mexico. Company-wide, the growing fleet now comprises two Learjet 55s, eleven Learjet 60s, five Challenger 604s and three Global Express. Another Challenger 604 plus one Global are expected to join the fleet soon.

Since 2001, a total of four Learjet 35A aircraft have sported the red and white FAI livery. Collectively, they have travelled around the world a total of 450 times a result of circa 38,000 hours of logged airtime. Learjet 35A, SN 447, with the well-known registration number D-COKE received a special send off from FAI's Founder and Chairman, Siegfried Axtmann during a handover on February 26th at Albrecht Duerer International Airport in Nuremberg, Germany to her new owner Carlos Salinas, CEO of Mexican Operator, Jet Rescue Air Ambulance.

"Today is an emotional day. This Learjet type was our first Learjet aircraft and served as the engine for the company's growth in the field of Air Ambulance," said Siegfried Axtmann, "I hope that it will perform many happy landings for its new owner." The rise in demand for larger cabins in the air ambulance market and economic reasons in respect to different

type ratings, maintenance and the stock of spare parts has resulted in FAI's decision to discontinue its 35A operations.

"Sooner or later FAI will also outsource its remaining two Learjet 55 models by replacing them with Learjet 60s and we will be in the good position of operating only two different aircraft models (Learjet 60 and Challenger 604) across our worldwide air ambulance service", added Siegfried Axtmann.

FAI Group operates Germany's largest fleet of business jets and utilized more than 13,000 hours of air time in 2016. FAI's group fleet of 22 jet aircraft and 1 Turbo Prop includes 3 Bombardier Global Express, 5 Bombardier Challenger 604, 11 Bombardier Learjet 60 and 2 Bombardier Learjet 55 plus 1 Premier 1a and 1 King Air 350. Headquartered at Albrecht Duerer Intl. Airport in Nuremberg, Germany, FAI runs a 14,000 m² carbon neutral FBO.

FAI employs a full time staff of 190 people, including 60 mechanics and engineers at FAI's in house MRO plus some 50 part time physicians and paramedics. FAI operates satellite offices in Dubai and Miami, as well as line stations



Photo caption: Left to Right, Carlos Salinas, CEO of Mexican Operator, Jet Rescue Air Ambulance and Siegfried Axtmann FAI Chairman. About FAI Aviation Group



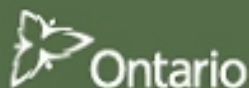
WESTON AVIATION EXPANDS ITS FBO FACILITY AT HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT

Weston Aviation, the UK and Ireland based FBO and Business Aviation services specialist has completed works on its current Business Aviation Centre at Humberside Airport (HUY/EGNJ) in the UK. The new facility will offer double the existing space previously available, creating two separate crew and passenger lounges, crew work stations, kitchen areas and quiet zones.

In addition to the new development, Weston Aviation has agreed a new long term agreement for FBO and private aircraft handling services with Humberside Airport. Nick Weston, CEO and founder of Weston Aviation commented on the new development "This further investment and commitment by ourselves to Humberside Airport is in line with our expectations and growth plans for

our FBO at the airport and we are delighted to be able to offer to our crews and passengers this significantly expanded and improved facility that will see us into our next phase of growth and expansion at Humberside Airport". Deborah Zost, Managing Director at Humberside Airport said; "We are delighted that Weston Aviation have further confirmed their commitment and growth of business aviation at Humberside Airport, which is seeing the airport becoming a significant business aviation airport of choice for the Humber region and local area". Opened in 2011, Weston Aviation became the first FBO facility at Humberside Airport and also owns and operates Business Aviation Centres at Durham Tees Valley, Doncaster Sheffield, Cornwall Airport Newquay Airports

and also Cork Airport in Ireland. Humberside Airport serves business and leisure travel needs for the Humber region, as well as East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. In addition to supporting Weston Aviation's General Aviation operation, it offers daily scheduled flights with KLM to worldwide destinations via the airlines main hub in Amsterdam, as well as a domestic route to Aberdeen operated by Eastern Airways. The airport also offers regular charter flights to mainly Mediterranean destinations with mainstream operators such as Thomson Holidays. It is also home to the regions Search & Rescue facility operated by Bristow Helicopters and supports the Off-Shore Oil & Gas and renewable energy industries with daily helicopter flights



INTERNATIONAL TRADE MINISTER TO ATTEND AUSTRALIA-CANADA ECONOMIC LEADERS MEETING

Ottawa, Ontario - Global Affairs Canada The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, will take part in the Fifth Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum, February 20 to 22, 2017, in Sydney, Australia.

Led by the private sector and sponsored by

the governments of Canada and Australia, the forum attracts more than 150 business and political leaders with an interest in promoting trade and cooperation between the two countries. Canada has twice hosted the forum: in 2012 in Toronto, Ontario, and in 2015 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Participating in this forum is part of the Government of Canada's efforts to promote progressive trade and investment ties with the Asia-Pacific region, as trade is the best way to create good, well-paying jobs and foster long-term growth for the middle class in both Canada and Australia.



Aviation Manuals Names Caitlin Windland IT Project Manager

Aviation Manuals, the leading provider of aircraft manual development services and flight operations Safety Management System (SMS) software for business aviation, has appointed industry expert Caitlin Windland as Information Technology Project Manager. Previously, Windland was a software quality assurance analyst and a flight coordinator for Rockwell Collins ARINC DirectSM Flight Support Services in Annapolis, Md. Prior to that, she was a First Officer and Aviation Administrator for Energy Air Corporation in Spencer, W.Va.

"With her strong piloting, software and flight coordinator background, Caitlin has already added immense expertise to our team," said AviationManuals CEO Mark Baier. "We have exciting new software upgrades and apps planned for 2017 and Caitlin will oversee these new product developments as well as client site customizations ensuring continued customer experience improvement."

Windland comes from a family of passionate aviators that owns several aircraft such as Cessnas and a Stinson. She is an instrument

and commercial rated pilot and earlier in her career was a First Officer on Cessna Citations and Bell helicopters. Windland has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan College. She is pursuing a master's from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Aeronautics, specializing in Space Studies and Unmanned Aerospace Systems. She has also attended Rockwell Collins University for career development in Systems Engineering and Systems Integration Verification and Validation. Aviation Manuals has delivered nearly 3,000 RVSM/International Operations Manuals and more than 1,200 custom Flight Operations Manuals for multiple registries. The company has more than 600 subscribers to its International Operations Update Service and eBulletins, and, in just the past several years, has provided 950 Datalink and ADS-B Letters of Authorization. In addition, there are over 1,200 users of AviationManuals SMS software known as ARC, with that number accelerating over the past two years.



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International Trade Minister to visit France and Germany

Ottawa, Ontario - Global Affairs Canada
The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, today announced that he will attend the European Parliament vote on the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Canada-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) in Strasbourg, France, on February 15, 2017.

Minister Champagne will join Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Trade; Bernd Lange, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade; and Artis Pabriks, the Parliament's chief CETA Rapporteur, at a European Parliament press conference that will take place after the vote.

Minister Champagne will attend Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's address to the EU Parliament and accompany him to Berlin and Hamburg, Germany, on February 16 and 17 to meet with international counterparts and stakeholders and promote Canada's progressive trade agenda.

Premier Wynne Strengthening Partnerships With the United States

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne met today with Canada's Ambassador to the United States, David MacNaughton, and released the following statement:

"I want to thank my friend Ambassador MacNaughton for a great meeting today to discuss the concrete steps we are taking to ensure Ontario's interests are well represented in Washington and throughout the United States. As [Canada's largest economy](#) and the centre of our country's manufacturing, finance, information and communications technology and cleantech sectors, Ontario plays a big role in strengthening Canada's bilateral partnerships with the U.S.

[Ontario-U.S. trade](#) is critical for our businesses and our workers. It is incredibly important that we [work with our neighbours](#) and demonstrate that the more than C\$1 billion in trade that Ontario and the U.S. exchange every day creates benefits for workers and businesses on both sides of the border. Further, Ambassador MacNaughton and I agree that we have an opportunity at this moment to shape the evolution of our U.S. partnerships to create greater benefits for workers in Ontario and the United States.

Throughout my time as Premier, I have been active in developing closer ties with the governors of states with which Ontario does a significant amount of business, [travelling](#) to the [U.S. on several occasions](#) and [hosting](#) governors here in Ontario. Last month I sent letters to the 27 governors of states that rank Ontario as a top customer, underlining the positive impact our trade creates for U.S. and Canadian workers. As I follow up by speaking directly with many of those governors this month, our government is taking several steps to ensure Ontario workers and businesses are well represented going forward.

In the months ahead, we will enhance Ontario's U.S. presence, with a focus on those states in which jobs and growth are driven by two-way trade with Ontario. In March, I will travel to the U.S. to meet with business and political leaders. This summer, Ontario will host the 10th Annual Southeast United States-Canadian Provinces Alliance (SEUS-CP) Conference in Toronto. Established in 2007, SEUS-CP is a strategic partnership that now includes six provinces and six states. Its objectives include enhancing trade, promoting business alliances and encouraging technological scientific exchanges between and among its members. In July, I will build on my partnerships with my governor colleagues by attending the National Governors Association Meeting. In October, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and I will co-host the 2017 Leadership Summit of the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers in Detroit and Windsor. I have [attended](#) this annual summit in the past and found it to be a great opportunity to demonstrate the value of our bilateral partnerships and [deepen our ties](#). The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin accounts for one third of all economic activity in Canada and the U.S. It is essential that we work together to find common ground and move forward as a competitive, integrated regional economy.

To guide these ongoing efforts, I have also set up a Premier's Committee on Ontario-U.S. Economic and Trade Relations, which includes senior ministers and Monique Smith, Ontario's Representative in Washington. The Committee will meet regularly to ensure our government's work in building our relationship with the U.S. is on track.

As Ontario steps up its engagement with the United States, I am thankful to have a close

working relationship with Canada's U.S. Ambassador, David MacNaughton. I look forward to working with David, Monique and our federal government to ensure the interests of Ontario's workers and businesses are well understood and well represented in Washington and throughout the United States."

Ontario Continuing to Welcome Newcomers with Expanded and Modernized Immigration Program

Province Attracting Global Talent, Helping Businesses Find Skilled Workers

Ontario is continuing to help businesses attract the talented people they need to compete globally by accepting more skilled newcomers than ever before through its successful Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP).

Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier and Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, were at the University of Toronto's Centre for International Experience today to make the announcement.

Recognizing the success of the OINP and its importance to Ontario's economy, the federal government has increased the province's 2017 allocation by 500 nominees to a total of 6,000. Through the OINP, Ontario is able to nominate people for permanent resident status. Nominees include skilled workers, international students, experienced entrepreneurs, and key staff of established foreign corporations seeking to expand into Ontario.

Next week, the OINP will open applications for its three highest-volume streams - the [International Masters Graduate](#) Stream, the [International PhD Graduate](#) Stream, and the [Ontario Express Entry Human Capital Priorities](#) Stream. With their advanced language skills and global connections, international students are important to the success of Ontario's economy.

The OINP is also modernizing its application process this year with a new, paperless online system, which will speed up the application process, improve customer service, and help employers find the skilled workers they need sooner.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE UNIQUE AMONG AVIATION GATHERINGS



WAI 2017 Conference - All 2017 Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees. Photo Credit - WAI/John Riedel.

The 28th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference accomplished its goal to Connect. Engage. Inspire. at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort In Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 2-4, 2017.

"The accomplishments and the sophistication of our speakers this year was impressive. This year's conference reflected the cutting edge of innovation and a passion for aviation," said Women in Aviation International (WAI) President Dr. Peggy Chabrian. "Combining technology with the traditional enthusiasm and diversity of our attendees is an ideal formula for a successful conference."

A highlight of Saturday night's closing banquet was the awarding of scholarships, including type ratings and other flight training scholarships as well academic scholarships. The first class of Women Naval Aviators; Elizabeth "Betty" Everts Green, founder of Missionary Aviation Fellowship; and Lt. General Stayce Harris, the highest ranking African-American woman military pilot in all the United States armed forces were inducted into WAI's International Pioneer Hall of Fame.

In the exhibit hall, companies and organizations were busy fielding questions, displaying their products, signing up new clients, and renewing relationships with existing clients while making connections with conferencegoers. General sessions were held on Friday and Saturday with both afternoons reserved for a selection of education sessions.

WAI's successful youth outreach, Girls in Aviation Day, continued in Orlando. Since many of the girls taking part in Girls in Aviation Day are local Girl Scouts, WAI awarded an "Aviation Girl" fun patch for Aviation. More than 200 young people met with role models from all aspects of aviation, and luncheon speaker Patty Wagstaff, aerobatic

champion, was the luncheon speaker. The girls took part in a variety of hands-on activities including some hosted by the Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance (AWAM), which celebrated its 20th anniversary during the conference. In the afternoon, the girls went on a scavenger hunt in the exhibit hall to engage with exhibitors and attendees. This important outreach will continue with WAI's international Girls in Aviation Day on September 23, 2017, where WAI's network of local chapters will plan and execute their own unique events for girls 8 to 17 years old.

"Our members love seeing the girls at the conference, recognizing that we are sowing seed for future pilots and technicians," said Dr. Chabrian. "For many of the girls, Girls in Aviation Day is their first exposure to the possibility of aviation as a career. We have thousands of role models for them who are glad to spend time and answer questions." Attendance of 4,500 including representatives from 19 countries. The exhibit hall hosted 165 separate companies and organizations, representing all aspects of the aviation community.

120 scholarships were distributed to WAI members at every stage of life from university students to more accomplished members seeking mid-life challenges, advancements or career changes to aviation. A total of \$643,274 in scholarships were awarded, which put the total scholarships awarded nearly \$11,000,000 since the inception of the scholarship program. The WAI chapter network reached 110 global chapters as groups from as far away as Nigeria, Cameroon and Ghana participated. The 29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference will be held March 22-24, 2018, at Reno-Sparks Convention Center. For more information, visit www.wai.org.



WAI 2017 Conference - Networking & Interviewing Activity. Photo Credit - WAI/AI Jefferson.



Dr. Yvonne Cagle, NASA Astronaut and Attendees. Photo Credit - WAI/Christopher Miller.



Partial View of the Busy & Energetic Exhibit Hall. Photo Credit - WAI/John Riedel.