



Aviation Safety Is Focus For Global Board Of Directors

Washington, D.C. ([PRWEB](#)) November 3, 2009 – This fall, aviation professionals from 19 countries and over 35 U.S. states elected 4 industry executives to the Board of Directors for Washington D.C. based Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA). “Our International Board includes the addition of: Graham Mitchell, with Aero Inventory (UK) Ltd., along with the re-election of Greg McGowan of Boeing Commercial Aviation Services, Bob Hogan with Pratt & Whitney’s Global Service Partners network, and Roy Resto from Messier-Bugatti-Tracer,” states Michele Dickstein, President of ASA. “Since our association tackles both international and domestic aviation system challenges, it is important to establish a global Board of Directors that will successfully guide ASA. Seamless communication is also key and to ensure ASA’s members receive relevant updates and access across all time zones, we rebuilt our web site utilizing the latest technology at the recently launched: www.aviationsuppliers.org and encourage members, partners, as well as industry to visit us on line and stay informed.”

Adding value that positively impacts safety of flight is critical. “Boeing recognizes the important role that aviation parts distributors bring to the aerospace industry and certainly the value that ASA provides to its membership and industry as a whole,” remarks Greg McGowan, Quality Director Material Management Boeing Commercial Aviation Services. “It is through the development and implementation of a comprehensive quality standard (e.g., ASA-100) and accreditation program that member companies contribute to the safety of our aviation system.”

Promoting safety and regulatory compliance across an international industry remains an ASA priority. “Coming from a background of manufacturer and repair station airworthiness regulation within Europe, and upon my appointment to Aero Inventory 5 years ago, the lack of regulation of Distributors outside of the USA was apparent,” states Graham Mitchell, Global Warehousing And Quality Director Aero Inventory (UK) Ltd. “In the absence of European regulations, we turned to ASA and Aero Inventory fully embraced the requirements of FAA AC 00-56A. Today, Aero Inventory continues to support ASA with its global aerospace customer base and I am personally honored to join the ASA Board of Directors this year. For the future, I look forward to the continued safe operation of aircraft and harmonization of regulatory requirements throughout the world.”

Results oriented associations routinely exceed their targets despite economic points of correction. “I’m pleased to return to the ASA Board of Directors. This is an association that plays a significant role in the aerospace industry in the areas of regulatory compliance, ethics and safety,” adds Bob Hogan, Director of Commercial Serviceable Assets and Customer Solutions, Pratt & Whitney. “As a result of our progress, more organizations have recognized the value of ASA. So, it’s no surprise that our association continues to grow. In fact, this past year we increased global members by 16 percent and now have over 380 companies adding to our knowledge base.”

Combining strategy and industry experience will continue to be a powerful formula for success. “This re-election serves as a mandate for the Board, myself, and ASA members to continue our efforts that shape positive solutions for Government and Industry issues of today and tomorrow, said Roy Resto, Vice President Technical Operations/FAA-DAR Tracer Corp., Messier-Bugatti-Tracer. “As we move forward, ASA will look at innovative approaches that will expand our involvement in the areas of export, customs, and quality from a global perspective.”

About Aero Inventory

Aero Inventory is a global leader in the provision of complete consumable and expendable (C&E) procurement and inventory management solutions to the aerospace industry. They have long-term exclusive supplier contracts in place with leading airline and aircraft maintenance and repair businesses in Canada, the United States, Central America, Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe, and Asia Pacific. Learn more about Aero Inventory’s e-based procurement and inventory management solutions for the Aerospace industry at: www.aero-inventory.com/ai/

About Boeing Commercial Aviation Services

Boeing has been the premier manufacturer of commercial jetliners for more than 40 years. With the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in 1997, Boeing's leadership in commercial jets, joined with the lineage of Douglas airplanes, gives the combined company a 70-year heritage of leadership in commercial aviation. Today, the main commercial products are the 737, 747, 767 and 777 families of airplanes and the Boeing Business Jet. New product development efforts are focused on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, and the 747-8. The company has nearly 12,000 commercial jetliners in service worldwide, which is roughly 75 percent of the world fleet. Through Boeing Commercial Aviation Services, the company provides unsurpassed, around-the-clock technical support to help operators maintain their airplanes in peak operating condition. Commercial Aviation Services offers a full range of world-class engineering, modification, logistics and information services to its global customer base, which includes the world's passenger and cargo airlines, as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities. To learn more about Boeing Commercial Airplanes and Boeing Engineering, Operations & Technology that support Boeing's business units please visit their web site at: www.boeing.com

About Messier-Bugatti-Tracer

Messier-Bugatti-Tracer is a joint venture of Messier-Bugatti and Tracer Repair & Overhaul. Messier-Bugatti, SAFRAN Group, is a world-class provider of aeronautical braking and carbon brakes. Messier-Bugatti wheels and carbon brakes are found on more than 2500 commercial aircraft across the world, including 223 airlines and 20 air forces, providing them with support around the world. In addition, they provides braking, steering and monitoring systems. An Airbus partner for 30 years, Messier-Bugatti also equips Boeing programs such as the 767-200/300, 777LR, the C-17 Globemaster III and has been selected to develop electric braking system for the 787 Dreamliner.

To learn more about the partners of the Messier-Bugatti-Tracer joint venture please visit: **Messier Bugatti** at: www.messier-bugatti.com or **Tracer** at www.tracercorp.com

About Pratt & Whitney

Pratt & Whitney Global Service Partners is a total service provider for engines made by Pratt & Whitney, International Aero Engines, General Electric, Rolls-Royce and CFMI. In addition to engine overhaul and repair services, GSP provides customers with improved engine performance and increased asset value through a portfolio of services including line maintenance, engine monitoring and diagnostics, environmentally friendly on-wing water washes, leased engines, custom engine service programs, and new and repaired parts. To learn more about Pratt & Whitney please visit their web site at: www.pw.utc.com

About The Aviation Suppliers Association

The Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA), based in Washington, D.C., is a not-for-profit association, representing more than 370 global member companies that are positively shaping the aviation industry. Collectively, they lead critical logistics programs, purchasing efforts, and distribution of aircraft parts worldwide. With approximately 140 years combined aviation leadership experience, ASA's Board of Directors and Corporate Officers focus the organizations energies on regulatory and legal matters such as safety, international compliance, and ethical business practices that impact the aviation parts supply industry. As a result of the groups auditing capabilities, over 240 companies have received global accreditation since 1996. ASA also recognizes outstanding industry leadership and commitment with its annual Edward J. Glueckler Lifetime Achievement award. Member companies include: distributors, suppliers, surplus sales organizations, repair stations, manufacturers, airlines, operators, and other companies that provide services to the aviation parts supply industry.

In addition, ASA has been recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Database Management, Industry Voluntary Accreditations and contributes to House and Senate proceedings with an aviation focus on a regular basis. On a global scale, ASA also interacts with agencies across 7 Continents including EASA, Transport Canada, CAAC, Australian CAAC, and many others. The Aviation Suppliers Association has also been featured in Aviation Week, Aviation Maintenance, Aircraft Technology Engineering & Maintenance, Overhaul & Maintenance, SpeedNews, and USA Today, along with other business journals and leading industry publications. Most recently the organization has been nominated as one of the 2009 Top Small Workplaces by Winning Workplaces and The Wall Street Journal. ASA also participated in the Aviation Week, MRO Americas conference and supported the Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) exhibit that was showcased this March at the 26th International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) conference.

To learn more about ASA, accreditation, and the annual conference scheduled for July of 2010, which is sponsored by Boeing, Inventory Locator Service (ILS), Pratt & Whitney, Volvo Aero, Triumph Logistics and many other key aviation companies please visit their web site at: www.aviationsuppliers.org

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