



Aviation Criminals Have A New Enemy

Washington, D.C., ([PRWEB](#)) February 22, 2011 - This week, aviation criminals gain a new enemy and law enforcement agencies can benefit from an aviation partnership. Why? Because the first publically available, stolen parts database has been launched by the leading not-for-profit/industry partnership of the Washington D.C., based Aviation Suppliers Association with support by Inventory Locator Service, a Boeing subsidiary. "The bottom line: it was the right thing to do," remarks Michele Dickstein, President of the Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA). "Building and launching the first collective database containing over 8,100 stolen aviation parts and making it available to the public, is another important step in making the multibillion dollar aviation industry a safer environment for everyone it touches."

The challenge: how can an important new tool for fighting aviation crime, gain visibility quickly and continue to be a solution for potentially thousands of aviation professionals each day? "Our company's mission is to provide customers with the most accurate, useful and up-to-date information available for aviation parts in the market," adds Eric Anderson, President of Inventory Locator Service (ILS). "By incorporating the ASA Stolen Parts Database information into ILSmart, we can give our approximately 60,000 daily users more value-added search results, alerting them to any known stolen parts matching their search criteria, which will effectively benefit the entire aviation community."

What types of parts have been stolen and why is it critical to have this database available? "Global, federal, and local agencies have reported everything from the smallest components and critical engine parts, to entire aircraft being recovered in sting operations," states Roy Resto, Vice President Technical Operations/FAA-DAR, Messier-Bugatti-Tracer. "Examples of smaller parts recovered by special agents from U.S. DOT-OIG & ATR include unique components along with a cockpit/cargo key which would work on all aircraft owned by a major airline and that was exchanged for cash along with machine guns. In Europe, federal agents have broken up a gang of 60+ that were selling stolen parts from one of the country's biggest jet engine makers, and several cases from last year have led to convictions involving expensive, stolen aircraft parts listed on eBay for a fraction of their manufactured value. In the end, having a database that exists of such parts, is a critical accomplishment that enables the problem to be amplified, so that resources can be brought to bear, and future activity is minimized."

Next step, how easy is it to report a stolen aviation part? "ASA has simplified the process so that aviation companies of all sizes can participate, which is a big benefit in our view," comments Paul F. Piedra, President of International Equipment Supply Group Inc. "In our situation we had a part stolen before it had the proper export paper work assigned. So, we filed a police report (e.g., a requirement to enter the database), contacted ASA headquarters to request a link to access the data base, and uploaded the details. It was a straight forward solution to a very serious challenge that faces our industry today. To that end, we would encourage our constituents as well as the aviation community as a whole to participate and benefit from the data."

About Inventory Locator Service[®], LLC, A Boeing Subsidiary

ILS has provided information via its global electronic marketplace since 1979 to enable subscribers in the aerospace, defense and marine industries to buy and sell parts, equipment and services. With more than 5 billion parts listed, 60,000 customer accesses each day and 22,000 subscribers, ILS is the most active business-to-business electronic marketplace serving these industries. Today, ILS is striving to be a leader in supply chain solutions by offering inventory & MRO process management solutions and powerful aftermarket trending tools. ILS gives customers more ways to achieve profitability and productivity.

Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., ILS has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Frankfurt, London, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Paris, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Diego, Seattle, Shanghai, St. Louis, and ILS is a Boeing subsidiary. To learn more about ILS, please visit their site at: www.ilsmart.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 Messier-Bugatti-Tracer joint venture please visit: Messier Bugatti at: www.messier-bugatti.com

About International Equipment Supply Group Inc

The International Equipment Supply Group (IES Group), based in Florida, is a sales and repair management group in the aviation industry that includes multi-lingual professionals, with over 10 years of experience in aviation and cargo services worldwide. Recognition of our customer's needs and dedication to meeting their needs is our primary objective. The IES Group specializes in consumables and rotables for commercial, general corporate and military applications. In addition our strengths are consulting for the aviation industry, technical support, repair management of parts and equipment as well as project management (planning and development). To learn more about how IES Group differentiate themselves by delivering personalized service to their customers, please visit their website at: www.iesgroupinc.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 400 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 150 years combined aviation leadership experience, ASA's Board of Directors and Corporate Officers focus the organization's 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 group's certification capabilities, over 260 facilities have received global accreditation to ASA-100 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.

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 6 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. Further, the organization was nominated as one of the 2009 Top Small Workplaces by Winning Workplaces and The Wall Street Journal. ASA is also an annual participant in the Aviation Week, MRO Americas conference and supports the Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) exhibits for the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) conferences.

To learn more about ASA, ASA-100 accreditation, and ISO 9001:2008 certification, as well as the annual conference scheduled for July of 2011 in Washington D.C., which has been previously sponsored by Boeing, Inventory Locator Service (ILS), Pratt & Whitney and many other key aviation companies, please visit their web site at: www.aviationsuppliers.org

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