Derco Aerospace Announces Exclusive Distribution Agreement With Copernicus Technology

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin - Derco Aerospace, Inc., a Sikorsky Aerospace Services (SAS) company, announced today it has signed a distribution agreement with Copernicus Technology Ltd (CTL) for exclusive rights to supply the Universal Synaptics Corporation (USC) Intermittent Fault Detection and Isolation System (IFDIS) test equipment to certain customers within the European Union (EU). SAS is the aftermarket business of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

“This agreement expands our ability to service a new territory and to provide significant cost-saving technology in support of our customers worldwide,” said Peter Winkler, Manager, Repairs & Technical Sales, Derco Aerospace. “We are pleased to enhance our portfolio by including on-site support to our customers throughout Europe.”

Derco currently offers distribution of Universal Synaptics’ IFD systems and provides related repair services at a fraction of replacement cost for faulty aircraft electrical components. Traditionally, aircraft maintainers have scrapped electrical components where intermittent problems existed but readings showed “No Fault Found” (NFF). Initially available for the F-16 Modular Low Power Radio Frequency (MLPRF) and Low Power Radio Frequency (LPRF) radar boxes, IFD systems have the capacity to test for intermittence in most electrical components in the aircraft. This distribution agreement offers Derco customers in Europe a savings in both time and money by identifying electrical faults in product development, production, or aftermarket phases of their products.

“Universal Synaptics’ Intermittent Fault Detection products are transforming how maintainers address intermittent /NFF faults,” said Paul Fuhrmann, Derco’s Director of OEM Solutions. “The IFD systems provide a solution for Derco or its customers to easily identify and isolate electrical intermittent faults. Components can then be repaired and expedited back into reliable service.”

“We are delighted at the announcement of our distribution agreement with Derco to provide the award-winning IFD systems to their customers across the EU,” said Giles Huby, Copernicus Technology’s Managing Director. “This is an outstanding opportunity to harness our collective expertise to ensure IFD systems deliver a tangible step-change improvement to maintenance diagnostics in the EU’s aerospace, defence and technology sectors.”

Copernicus Technology Ltd is an ISO9001:2008 company delivering life-cycle services that increase operational reliability and asset integrity, and reduce downtime and total ownership costs. Copernicus Technology Ltd was founded in Scotland in 2008 and today is Europe’s leading innovator in solutions to the problem of “No Fault Found,” utilizing Universal Synaptics’ unique, proven and award-winning Intermittent Fault Detection test equipment. For more information, access the company’s Web site at www.copernicustechnology.com.

Founded in 1979, Derco Aerospace, Inc. is based in Milwaukee, Wis., and is a recognized leader in providing aircraft spares distribution, logistics and technical solutions to customers around the globe. Through solid relationships with premier original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), Derco maintains one of the largest and most diversified aircraft spares inventories in the world. Today, Derco is an integrator and full service logistics solutions provider – supporting military and commercial fleets in more than 65 countries.

Sikorsky based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. Its SAS business designs and applies advanced logistics and supply chain solutions for commercial rotary, military rotary and fixed wing operators. UTC, based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide.

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