Sikorsky Aerospace Services Announces Exclusive Distribution Agreement With Subsidiary Of Turkey's Alp Aviation

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Sikorsky Aerospace Services (SAS) announced today the signing of a spare parts distribution agreement with AlpTeknik Havacılık AS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alp Aviation based in Turkey's capital city of Ankara. The agreement provides for in-country warehousing and distribution of spare parts in support of Turkey's military and government agency rotary and fixed wing operators. SAS is the aftermarket business of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

"Our ability to maintain a local inventory of high turnover OEM parts will enhance Turkey's fleet readiness while reducing overall operational expenses," said David Adler, President of Sikorsky Aerospace Services. "As part of the agreement, LifePort – our mission equipment company - will offer its full portfolio of products including armor protection, MEDEVAC and VIP luxury interiors. Our expanding collaboration continues to strengthen SAS' position in the European market."

Sikorsky's longstanding relationship with Turkey started more than 20 years ago with the sale of the first BLACK HAWK helicopters. Today — with a fleet of more than 120 aircraft — Turkey is one of the largest BLACK HAWK operators in the world. An operations base in Ankara and forward stocking location for authorized spare parts will help keep costs market-competitive, expedite deliveries and provide best-in-class service for maximum customer satisfaction.

"Alp Aviation is growing and diversifying in a variety of aerospace sectors. In-country spares inventory coupled with a dedicated, professional team gives us the opportunity to provide long-term contracts and around the clock support to our country's rotary and fixed wing operators," said Tuncer Alpata, chairman of Alp Aviation. "In the future, AlpTeknik will offer additional logistics solutions."

Formed in 1998, Alp Aviation Company is a Joint Venture between Alpata Group and Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. Alp Aviation's efficient operations and lean manufacturing methods enable the company to compete successfully in the global arena and exceed customers' expectations of quality and on-time delivery. Alp Aviation is a qualified supplier of international BLACK HAWK and SEAHAWK® helicopter transmission systems and the third-largest aerospace exporter in Turkey, contributing approximately 20 percent of all Turkish aerospace exports.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., USA, is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. Lifeport, Inc. is a Sikorsky Aerospace Services (SAS) company. SAS provides comprehensive support to rotary and fixed wing aircraft throughout the world. It offers its military and commercial operators a full portfolio of support services, including material distribution, maintenance, overhaul & repair, aircraft modifications and life-cycle support. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries. For updates from United Technologies Corp.'s aerospace businesses visit www.utcaero.com or follow @UTC on Twitter.

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