Sikorsky Aerospace Services Signs Agreement For Customer Service Centre In United Kingdom

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Sikorsky Aerospace Services announced today the signing of an agreement with Vector Aerospace that appoints Vector's United Kingdom facilities as authorized Customer Service Centres (CSC) to support Sikorsky S-76® helicopters. Sikorsky Aerospace Services (SAS) is the aftermarket business of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

"Vector Aerospace is recognized in the industry as a leading provider of aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services. Aligned with our international strategic initiatives and overall commitment to our worldwide customers, this agreement serves as an important launch point in the U.K.," said Frank DiPasquale, SAS Vice-President, Business Development & Strategic Relationships. "We are pleased to work with Vector Aerospace and look forward to future opportunities to strengthen our relationship and enhance our support capabilities for Sikorsky's commercial operators throughout Europe."

The Customer Service Centres will offer Sikorsky S-76 helicopter operators complete aftermarket support, including Sikorsky trained local maintenance personnel for on-site comprehensive maintenance management, inspections and spare parts procurement.

"Vector's full depth support capabilities combined with Sikorsky's Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) integration services will provide enhanced support for the U.K.'s S-76 VIP platform. This agreement further highlights our policy of working with the world's leading rotary wing OEMs – offering aftermarket support to platforms on a global scale," said Declan O'Shea, Vector Aerospace CEO.

Vector's facility in Gosport, Hampshire, U.K., is a long established provider of full depth maintenance for a range of major rotary-wing platforms. With its close proximity to the North Sea oil and gas market, Vector's component support facility in Almondbank, Perthshire, provides strategic importance. The CSC will be a key support facility for the future expansion of Sikorsky's S-76 commercial aircraft fleet in the UK and surrounding areas.

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

Vector Aerospace is a global provider of aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services. Through facilities in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, South Africa and Kenya, Vector Aerospace provides services to commercial and military customers for gas turbine engines, components and helicopter airframes. Vector's customer-focused team includes over 2,700 motivated employees. For more information, visit www.vectoraerospace.com

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