Derco Aerospace, Inc. Renews Distribution Agreement With UTC Aerospace Systems To Support 54H60 Propeller Program

Milwaukee, Wisconsin - UTC Aerospace Systems has renewed its distribution agreement with Derco Aerospace, Inc., a Sikorsky company, to support the VPV 54H60 Propeller Program that was recently awarded to UTC Aerospace Systems by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. and UTC Aerospace Systems are units of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

"The relationship between Derco Aerospace and UTC Aerospace Systems ensures continued success for the United States Air Force," said Brian Holt, President of Derco Aerospace, Inc. "The history of the two organizations working together is something that Derco is very proud of and looks forward to continuing for many years to come."

Earlier this year, UTC Aerospace Systems renewed a contract with the DLA for the 54H60 propeller systems in which Derco provides material support for over 500 parts in the program. Derco Aerospace and UTC Aerospace Systems (at the time Hamilton Sundstrand) began working together on this program in 1995, with the most recent subcontract signed in 2003. The renewed contract is for five years and has been expanded to include Derco managing storefront operations at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex (ALC) for both UTC Aerospace Systems and Derco managed material. "The longstanding relationship and success between UTC Aerospace Systems and Derco Aerospace provides us with utmost confidence that the United States Air Force is receiving the highest quality and turnaround times possible," explained Timothy J. Geib, Manager Business Development & Strategy, UTC Aerospace Systems. "Derco has already established the new storefront operations at Warner Robins ALC, and we have seen positive results that we are confident will continue forward."

Founded in 1979, Derco Aerospace, Inc. is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a recognized leader in providing aircraft spares distribution, logistics, component repair, 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 Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Connecticut, is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. Their aftermarket support provides comprehensive capabilities 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, Connecticut, provides high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries.

UTC Aerospace Systems designs, manufactures and services integrated systems and components for the aerospace and defense industries. UTC Aerospace Systems supports a global customer base with significant worldwide manufacturing and customer service facilities.

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