UTC Appoints Robert Leduc As President Of Sikorsky Aircraft; Mick Maurer Named UTC Senior Vice President, Strategic Projects

HARTFORD, Connecticut - April 2, 2015 <u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX) today announced the appointment of Robert Leduc as President of Sikorsky Aircraft, succeeding Mick Maurer, who will move to the newly created position of UTC Senior Vice President, Strategic Projects. The appointments are effective immediately, and both Leduc and Maurer will report to UTC President and Chief Executive Officer Gregory Hayes.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Bob back to United Technologies as the new President of Sikorsky Aircraft," Hayes said. "Across the aerospace industry, Bob is recognized as a proven leader, and he has the vision and experience necessary to lead Sikorsky today and as its future Chief Executive Officer, should Sikorsky be spun off.

"Throughout his career, Bob built strong customer relationships, executed complex development programs and ensured the successful entry-into-service of some of UTC's biggest programs, including the Boeing 787 program," Hayes added.

Prior to his retirement in 2014, Leduc, 59, enjoyed a successful 35-year career at United Technologies. He held numerous senior leadership roles at Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Sundstrand and UTC Aerospace Systems, including leading the Large Commercial Engines business at Pratt & Whitney, as well as the Boeing Programs and the Space Systems business at Hamilton Sundstrand.

In his new role, Maurer, 55, will work closely with Mike Dumais, UTC Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, to complete the strategic alternatives review for Sikorsky, and to ensure a successful separation should UTC pursue a spinoff. Maurer will also work closely with Leduc to ensure a smooth leadership transition at Sikorsky.

During Maurer's tenure as Sikorsky President, the company secured a record backlog and won numerous strategic competitions, including the U.S. Presidential helicopter, the U.S. Air Force Combat Rescue helicopter and the Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstrator.

"Under Mick's leadership, Sikorsky positioned itself for a bright future," Hayes said. "In his new position, Mick's experience leading Sikorsky will provide unique perspective and insight as we complete our strategic review and determine the best way to enhance Sikorsky's long-term success and create improved value for UTC's customers and shareholders."

United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Connecticut, provides high technology systems and services to the building and aerospace industries. To learn more about UTC, visit the website or follow the company on Twitter: @UTC

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