



## News Release

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### **Hawker Beechcraft Services Enhances Hawker 700 Fleet**

*Chester facility completes most comprehensive Hawker 700 modification in company's history*  
DUBAI, U.A.E. (Nov. 17, 2009) – Hawker Beechcraft Services (HBS) this week announced its successful undertaking to enhance a fleet of Hawker 700 aircraft that are actively operated by a government agency. Culminating 18 months of intensive design, engineering, installation, flight test and certification effort at the Chester, U.K.-based HBS facility, the recent completion of the first in a fleet of six Hawker 125-700 aircraft marked one of the most comprehensive Hawker 700 modifications in the company's history.

"We are committed to finding solutions for upgrading older models and supporting the operators of legacy Hawker Beechcraft aircraft," said Christi Tannahill, vice president, Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Service and Support. "This substantial modification is a testament to that commitment and to the capabilities of our talented service and support team."

Designed to improve safety and reduce carbon footprint, this series of modifications features extensive upgrades to the aircraft's engines and cockpit. Improved safety and airspace utilization are attained through the aircraft's new Universal Avionics® digital flight instrumentation, while fuel savings and a reduced carbon footprint are achieved with its Honeywell® TFE731-3D engine modification.

To upgrade the aircraft's cockpit, three Statement of Technical Satisfaction (STS) certifications were awarded by the United Kingdom's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The first CAA-STS completely upgrades the Hawker 700's flight display instrumentation with four Universal Avionics® model EFI-890R high resolution Advanced Flight Displays, dual Application Server Units, dual touch screen Electronic Flight Bags (EFB) and an Electronic Engine Indication System. The

second CAA-STS significantly improves hazardous weather detection through the installation of a Honeywell® Primus model 880 Weather Radar. The final CAA-STS enables compliance with Eurocontrol, Precision Navigation (PRNAV) approval through the installation of dual Universal Avionics® UNS-1Fw Flight Management Systems. These upgrades included a new, fully fabricated instrument panel specifically designed for the new displays, new side panels and a glare shield, as well as a re-engineered air conditioning system.

In addition to the major engine and avionics upgrades, cosmetic and convenience improvements were incorporated in the cockpit and cabin area, including new carpet, coordinating soft trim, EFB stowage, cup holders and a number of galley modifications.

Located at Hawarden Airport (EGNR), near Chester, North Wales, U.K., the HBS facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, supporting HBC government, commercial and private aircraft operators throughout Europe. In addition to installing and upgrading sophisticated avionics, the facility's comprehensive aircraft services include maintenance, repairs, custom interior and exterior modifications, engine overhaul, AOG support and parts supply. In January, HBS Chester opened a new, state-of-the-art paint facility that utilizes lean production and process techniques, along with the latest technology to limit environmental impact.

Headquartered in Wichita, the HBS network of 10 factory-owned service centers provides professional aircraft maintenance and repair in Little Rock, Ark.; Mesa, Ariz.; Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Wichita, Kan.; Houston, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; Toluca, Mexico; and Chester, U.K.

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