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Thrush Aircraft expands presence in South America and the Caribbean

Thrush Aircraft, Inc. has expanded its affiliation and territory for Africair, Inc. Africair, Thrush Aircraft distributor for Africa, will now have an expanded sales and support territory. Africair, Inc., which conducts business in the Caribbean and South America as Tropical Aviation Distributors (TAD), will support the expanded territory in the Caribbean, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. The expanded territory will provide expanded service capabilities to Thrush operators.

Payne Hughes, president of Thrush Aircraft, stated, "Africair has successfully organized and developed the African market for Thrush Aircraft since becoming our distributor there. Thrush Aircraft is very pleased to expand their territory, and we look forward to working with Africair/TAD in this region. Our expanding distributor network is a direct reflection of our growing market share around the world."

Currently, Thrush Aircraft is expanding its worldwide network of distributors and service centers in order to facilitate easy access to Thrush Aircraft products in their customers' own language and region.

Jim Evans, CEO of Africair/TAD stated, "We are very excited about the expansion of our area of representation for Thrush Aircraft. TAD has long standing relationships with many of the ag spray operators in the Caribbean and South America, and we look forward to further supporting the ag spray industry as Thrush Aircraft's representative. Juan J. Phillips will head up our activities in the ag spray aircraft market. Juan is known throughout the industry as an expert in ag spray aircraft. As Thrush Aircraft's representative, TAD will provide superior service, competitive pricing and world class technical support to our existing and future customers."

About Thrush Aircraft Company

Headquartered in Albany, Georgia, Thrush Aircraft manufactures a full range of aerial application aircraft used in agriculture, forestry and fire fighting roles worldwide. Founded in 2003, Thrush is well-known for building the most durable aircraft in the aerial application industry, as well as the best flying – from both pilot and operator perspectives. All Thrush models provide superb visibility, light control response, and a high degree of maneuverability and speed, along with

superior efficiency and low direct operating costs. Today there are more than 2200 Thrussh aircraft operating in some 80 countries around the world.

About Africair and Tropical Aviation Distributors

TAD is headquartered in Miami, Florida (USA) where they operate a modern distribution center. TAD's product support division is world class. They currently support hundreds of aircraft in Caribbean and South America and are very familiar with the applicable importation and customs regulations, as well as the best methods of shipment to each country. TAD's personnel have many years of experience in ag aviation sales and maintenance.