

MEDIA RELEASE**13 May 2010****HAWKER PACIFIC RELOCATES AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION CAPABILITY TO ITS CAIRNS FACILITY**

Leading aircraft sales and product support company, Hawker Pacific, today announced a plan to relocate its aircraft modification activities from Bankstown Airport to its Cairns International Airport facility.

This move is intended to maximise the use of the modern Cairns facility and to capture additional modification work from the South East Asian and Pacific regions.

Hawker Pacific has built up a highly successful special mission design and modification capability, serving both civil and defence sectors. This capability includes both structural modification and systems integration tasks which provide the end-user of the aircraft with specialised platforms equipped for surveillance, aeromedical, law enforcement and various defence roles.

Chief Executive Officer, Alan Smith, said that the decision to transfer the modification work to Cairns was driven by emerging markets in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. "Increasingly we are seeing demand for quite sophisticated systems integration tasks as part of the broader modification programs we perform".

"Consequently, co-locating the structural modification capability within the same facility as Australian Avionics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hawker Pacific employing around 50 staff in specialised avionics work and sales, is a logical move. The transfer is expected to create at least 12 additional positions at the Cairns facility, increasing total staff numbers there to over 110," he added.

The design engineering arm of the company, Hawker Pacific Technologies, which employs 13 fully qualified aeronautical engineers and support staff, will continue to operate from the company's Bankstown Airport facilities, providing solution based design engineering services to both external and internal customers.

The Bankstown based MRO workforce will be rationalised appropriately to continue to provide authorised service centre support to operators of Hawker Beechcraft, Diamond Aircraft and Bell Helicopters, as well as a renewed focus on meeting customer needs with world class service levels.

A number of employees no longer needed at the Bankstown facility will be offered a relocation to Cairns as part of the transfer of technology, or to other locations in the company's MRO network.

Alan Smith said: "Clearly not all employees affected by this decision will be able to transfer to other locations and the company will ensure that redundancy packages, involving the appropriate level of support services, are provided in such cases".

"Bankstown Airport remains a significant location in the Hawker Pacific network with corporate administration, central warehousing and spares support, warranty, quality systems and other activities based there. Over 140 of the company's nearly 600 staff are located on the airport".

"This decision also provides us with an opportunity to ensure that our Australian MRO capacity continues to match ongoing market conditions," he added.

Notes to editors

Hawker Pacific is a market leader in integrated civil and military aerospace sales and product support in South East Asia, Australia, the Pacific and the Middle East and is one of the largest independent companies of its type in the region with nearly 600 employees. The company's Asian operations include established businesses in Singapore, China, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Hawker Pacific represents some of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, including Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Bell Helicopter and Diamond Aircraft. Hawker Pacific is also a primary dealer in used aircraft with networks to source, acquire and trade aircraft globally.

Hawker Pacific is also Australia's premier fixed base operator (FBO) with a network of facilities in Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns, Singapore and expansions into Shanghai and Malaysia. The company's FBOs offer VIP services and crew facilities, 24/7 on demand aircraft charter from a modern aircraft fleet, flight operations and total aircraft management.

Hawker Pacific's product support activities include MRO, structural modification and support services to a wide range of fixed and rotary wing aircraft for corporate, charter, defence and special mission operators throughout the region. Other services include aircraft and engine maintenance, repair and overhaul, special mission aircraft modifications, design engineering, avionics parts and service, plus the provision of spare parts, exchange rotables and equipment sales.

Hawker Pacific holds the highest certification levels and accreditations including CASA, EASA and FAA certification, ISO 9001 Bureau Veritas accreditation, plus OEM customer / airworthiness approvals by 26 major global suppliers and civil and military regulatory authorities. These set the company apart from most others operating in the region, giving it a capacity to deliver complex special mission modifications for both civil and military customers.

The company's customers include airlines, commuter, corporate, general aviation, rotary wing and special mission operators, governments and the military.

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