SIKORSKY AND ACE AERONAUTICS UNITE TO MODERNIZE LEGACY BLACK HAWKS FOR GLOBAL MARKETS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Sikorsky, the iconic manufacturer of the H-60 Black Hawk helicopter, has formally certified Ace Aeronautics as the first U.S.-based Sikorsky Authorized Customer Support Center with full authority to refurbish and upgrade legacy Black Hawk platforms including the UH/HH-60L and S-70A Black Hawk helicopters for international defense and commercial operators.

With growing demand from government agencies, foreign militaries, and commercial users worldwide, the partnership delivers a new standard in legacy aircraft modernization and opens a powerful new channel for Black Hawk sales across defense, disaster response, logistics, and humanitarian missions.

Ace Aero's current customer base for legacy Black Hawks includes Ukraine, the Portuguese Air Force, Slovak Air Force, and numerous commercial customers. Ace is actively pursuing numerous opportunities in South America.

Now that the company has completed Sikorsky's rigorous certification process, the company is looking forward to extending the Black Hawk fleet even further.

Fleet operators will benefit from a refurbished aircraft, reduced pilot workload, and seamless interoperability with modern mission systems.

Ace Aeronautics is proud to offer:

Cutting-Edge Avionics for Tactical Superiority: At the core of the legacy upgrade program is the integration of the **GARMIN G5000H Avionics Suite**—a game-changing upgrade that replaces analog cockpits with an intuitive, glass-panel interface. Pilots benefit from synthetic vision, terrain awareness, multi-pane touchscreens, and real-time weather and traffic data, empowering missions with greater precision, safety, and situational awareness.

Government & Commercial Confidence: Governments and commercial buyers gain access to a proven Black Hawk airframe enhanced with digital flight systems and full Sikorsky OEM supply chain support. This partnership offers procurement teams an ideal combination: affordability, tactical readiness, and trusted brand backing.

"The Ace Aero and Sikorsky partnership combines field-tested aircraft designs with modern technology, ensuring every refurbished Black Hawk meets rigorous performance and compliance standards," said Rich Enderle, Ace Aeronautics Chief Executive Officer.

"By combining OEM authority with flexible integration, Sikorsky and Ace are redefining what's possible for legacy Black Hawk fleets—making modernization of accessible, mission-ready, and strategically smart," said Hamid Salim, Vice President of Army and Air Force Systems at Sikorsky.

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