

## News Release

### **Aviation Blade Services Partners with GDC Middle East to Establish Helicopter Rotor Blade Repair Capability in Saudi Arabia**

Westport, CT, September 12, 2025 – Aviation Blade Services, Inc. (ABS), a subsidiary of First Aviation Services Inc., announces a strategic collaboration with GDC Middle East (GDCME) to establish a helicopter rotor-blade repair facility in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

This partnership establishes advanced in-country rotor blade repair capabilities in support of UH-60, MD 530, AH-64, and AH-6i fleets. ABS will provide its world-class expertise, tooling, training, and equipment to enable GDCME to deliver rotor blade repairs in Riyadh. ABS will also perform repair work in support of Saudi Arabian operators until the new facility is fully operational in Riyadh.

“We are proud to partner with GDC Middle East to establish rotor-blade repair capabilities in Riyadh, combining ABS’s expertise with GDCME’s local presence to better serve operators in the region. This collaboration reflects our long-term commitment to supporting sustainable aviation capability in Saudi Arabia,” said Pete Evans, Group Director of Sales & Business Development of First Aviation Services Inc.

#### **About Aviation Blade Services, Inc.**

Aviation Blade Services, Inc. (ABS), a subsidiary of First Aviation Services Inc., is a leading provider of helicopter rotor blade inspection, repair, and overhaul services. Based in Kissimmee, Florida, ABS supports both military and commercial operators worldwide with FAA- and EASA-certified capabilities. With decades of expertise and a strong focus on safety, quality, and reliability, ABS delivers cost-effective rotor blade solutions that extend aircraft life and reduce downtime for operators across the globe.

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**About First Aviation Services Inc.**

First Aviation Services Inc., headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, is a leading provider of aircraft parts manufacturing, component repair and overhaul, and rotables management to the aviation industry worldwide. First Aviation's principal operating subsidiaries are: Aerospace Turbine Rotables, Inc., Associated Aircraft Manufacturing & Sales, Inc., Aviation Blade Services, Inc., Evölution Aerospace, Inc., Master Support, Inc., Heliblade International, LLC, and Piedmont Propulsion Systems, LLC. Together, the companies repair and overhaul aircraft landing gear systems, helicopter rotor blades, actuation systems, structures, IFF systems, lighting, power supplies, oxygen and fire suppression systems, hydrostatic testing, crew masks, and all Dowty, Hamilton, Hartzell and McCauley propellers. The companies' manufacturing capabilities include both DOD source approvals and FAA Parts Manufacturing Approvals (PMA) for landing gear parts, structural parts, electronics, fire suppression system parts, rotor blade parts and propeller parts. First Aviation has been a leader in developing DMSMS solutions for the DOD for over forty years. More information about FAvS and its subsidiaries may be found on the company's website [www.firstaviation.com](http://www.firstaviation.com)

**About GDC Middle East**

GDC Middle East (GDCME), headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, is a leading company in the aerospace and defense sector specializing in maintenance, repair, and modernization solutions. The company provides advanced engineering, technical support, and sustainment services for both military and civilian aviation platforms. With a strong commitment to innovation and local capability development, GDCME plays a key role in strengthening Saudi Arabia's aerospace ecosystem and supporting the Kingdom's long-term vision for self-sufficiency in defense and aviation.

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