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# BAKER AVIATION NAMES AIRCRAFT SPECIALTIES, INC. (ASI) STOCKING DEALER FOR HOT-STOP<sup>®</sup> 'L' FIRE CONTAINMENT KITS

August 27, 2018 – Addison, Texas – Baker Aviation, a full-service aircraft maintenance, management, charter company, and Master Distributor for the HOT-STOP<sup>®</sup> 'L' Fire Containment Kits, has designated Aircraft Specialties, Inc. (ASI) as the sole domestic stocking dealer for the product line.

"The ASI team shares our passion for aviation safety and has not only demonstrated successful growth throughout the US, but they continue to build on their reputation for personalized and exemplary customer service," stated Ray Goyco, Jr., President and Chief Operating Officer at Baker Aviation Maintenance. "This combination aligns well with our values here at Baker Aviation and for the HOT-STOP product line and we see this as a great marriage between the two companies. ASI recently appointed Gene Portela as Director of Sales. As an established business aviation professional, trusted colleague and friend of mine, Gene is very familiar with how we pioneered the lithium-ion battery runaway solution in 2007. He is well educated on our continued advancements in testing to remain the leader in this industry and stay ahead of the latest technology brought on board aircraft today. As the threat is recognized more every day aboard business jets and airlines around the world, the demand for containment of such unexpected eruptions will continue to grow. Our new ASI relationship represents our business synergies and great insight to expeditiously meet the demand for this proven product," added Goyco.

Aircraft Specialties Inc. Director of Sales, Gene Portela stated "ASI is honored to have this association with Baker Aviation to become the sole domestic stocking dealer for the HOT-STOP 'L' fire containment kits. The decision to get on board with this innovative product was really simple. At ASI, we produce quality work in the assorted services we provide to the industry with an exceptional reputation, therefore, associating ourselves with the most respected and leading lithium-ion fire prevention kit in the industry, was indisputable. The quality of the product and its effectiveness in preventing a catastrophic situation on board is a testament to the hundreds of thousands of dollars that Baker spends yearly on R&D to stay current with the new technology and the threats they present to help save lives."

Portela added, "This is a terrific opportunity for us to partner with Baker Aviation in an effort to make our industry safer. All corporate operators should consider having this valuable safety item on board their aircraft, as there is a better chance you will use this product before you ever use the life raft you keep on board, and never think twice. ASI is happy to be involved in the distribution of HOT-STOP 'L' as it offers us a new avenue to support our clients as our company continues to evolve and expand our service capabilities."

As the only burn certified products (certificates for gloves, bag and bag cover) on the market, HOT-STOP 'L' recently released successful test results from an FAA-registered independent lab, supporting the fireproof design and its capability to fully contain lithium-ion battery runaways of powerful portable devices without the release of toxic smoke and without the use of any aqueous liquids. The 15-minute 2000-degree burn-through test that Aeroblaze Laboratory conducted is commonly used for aircraft fire-wall testing and goes above and beyond the burn characteristics of today's typical Li-ion devices. Aeroblaze specializes in flammability testing for aerospace materials and provide the highest quality testing as evidenced by their accreditation to the international quality standards of ISO/IEC 17025 and Nadcap NMMT. Three HOT-STOP 'L' tests were recently conducted and documented for Industrial Energy Products, Inc., the manufacturer of the kits, by Aeroblaze Laboratory in Fort Worth, Texas accessed at <u>www.HOT-STOPL.com/testing</u>

"This is an exciting time for us as we continue to focus on new technology, testing, and custom HOT-STOP 'L' solutions for many clients. I see this as a perfect time for us to engage with ASI and provide the industry with additional points of contact to learn more about this serious threat and how our proven solution can eliminate it," added Goyco.

# About HOT-STOP<sup>®</sup> 'L' Fire Containment

The HOT-STOP<sup>®</sup> 'L' bags are made up of multiple durable fabrics with a felt inner core that has a 3200°F melting point which is sandwiched between two outer layers that have a 2080°F melting point and are proven to absorb energy and fire while eliminating the escape of toxic smoke, sparks, and flames. Multiple sizes are available to fit various devices up to the extra-large 27" x 26" bag designed to contain defibrillators and larger all-in-one computers. Custom solutions and optional accessories are available.

The latest HOT-STOP 'L' EVO series product line was initially designed for the airlines and the plethora of lithium-powered devices that are brought onboard commercial flights today. Launched in 2015, the new zero-tolerance bag incorporates the latest military-grade zipper technology that adds an extra barrier to fully contain lithium-ion battery smoke, fire, and explosions, resulting in an airtight system that is burn certified. HOT-STOP products are designed from fire-fighting materials that are proven and tested in UL approved and FAA-registered laboratories to contain a battery in full thermal runaway until it is has burned out and can be deployed with or without liquids. It can also conveniently be used as safe storage for a device while unattended, or as a preventative measure, if a device shows signs of overheating. The lightweight design makes it easy to store and it has an unlimited shelf life and can be deployed in six simple steps. To Learn more, go to HOT-STOPL.com or call +1-972-248-0457.

## About Baker Aviation

Baker Aviation is a full-service aircraft maintenance, management, and charter company, licensed to provide professional aviation services in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. ARG/US, Platinum-Rated, Baker is headquartered at Meacham International Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, with maintenance facilities at Addison Airport, in Addison, Texas, specializing in airframe maintenance for Hawker, King Air, Beechjet, Citation, Learjet, Falcon, Challenger, and Gulfstream aircraft. Recently, Baker expanded its offerings as a stocking distributor of PMA Parts from Omega Aircraft Articles and established a dealership for LED Lighting with Aircraft Lighting International. Baker Aviation is also the exclusive master distributor of the HOTSTOP<sup>®</sup> 'L' Fire Containment Kit product line, including the new EVOLUTION kits with zero tolerance, airtight zipper technology. To learn more, or to schedule service, please visit baker-aviation.com or call 972-248-0457.

## About Aircraft Specialties, Inc.

Aircraft Specialties Inc. is an FAA/EASA approved Part 145 wheel and brake repair, overhaul, and exchange facility that has been supplying the aviation industry with premium quality work and reliable turn times at a competitive price for the past 33 years. Headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska with shops in both Omaha and Dallas, Texas, ASI is long known throughout the industry as a premier supplier of wheel and brake services. Unique from other suppliers, ASI's depth of inventory supports clients with its nearly 2000 core units in an exchange pool and 300 units available daily to support and resolve AOGs around the world.

ASI recently introduced a Repair Management Services division which provides clients with costeffective solutions for component repair or purchasing requirements for avionics or instruments. This service was built on years of purchasing history and dynamic relationships with key suppliers and now provides ASI clients with a single resource to manage these services under one roof.

ASI also provides aircraft specialty tooling including brake alignment tools, axle wrenches and jack pads thru its sister company which manufactures these items in its state-of-the-art machine shop. For more information go to <u>www.asibrake.com</u>.

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