

## Press Release

### **BBA AVIATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### BBA Aviation announces Landing Gear System Contract with Eurocopter

BBA Aviation announces today that APPH, its landing gear and hydraulic system integrator, has signed a contract with Eurocopter France to design, develop, certify and manufacture the landing gear system for the EC-175 helicopter. This seven tonne utility helicopter is a joint development programme between Eurocopter and Harbin Aviation Industries Group of China.

The market for this programme is expected to be up to 1000 helicopters, with a production life cycle of 20 years. The value of the contract for Original Equipment and spares is anticipated to be in excess of \$100m of revenue, with the first deliveries expected in 2010.

APPH focuses on landing gear and hydraulics systems for specialist niche markets and this contract award is another major step in achieving its organic growth strategy and significantly increases BBA Aviation's profile and footprint in the global aviation systems market.

BBA Aviation's Chief Executive, Mr. Michael Harper, commented:

"I am very pleased to announce this new contract award for APPH. It is another important step in increasing BBA Aviation's footprint in the global aviation hydraulic systems market and the fact it was achieved against a background of tough European competition underlines APPH's increasing profile and success in this area."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

BBA Aviation is a world leader in aviation services focusing on Aviation Flight Support and Aftermarket Services and Systems. BBA Aviation provides flight support services for corporate and commercial aviation customers as well as maintenance, repair, overhaul and spare parts for aircraft engines. It also supplies aviation components, landing gear and hydraulic systems. These are attractive niches in a \$250 billion market with clear barriers to entry, where BBA has leading positions, well-known and reputable brands and a proven track record of organic and acquisition-led growth.

BBA Aviation was formerly part of BBA Group, but following the demerger of Fiberweb, in November 2006 it became a stand-alone aviation services business.