

Press Release

Trading Statement – December 19th 2006

BBA Aviation plc today issues its regular trading statement ahead of its annual results for the year ending 31st December 2006, which will be announced on 27th February 2007.

Our aviation businesses have continued to perform well in the second half of 2006 and it is currently anticipated that for the year overall operating profits from continuing operations before restructuring costs and non-recurring items will be in line with our expectations. Looking ahead, the strength of the business aviation market, assisted by the introduction of Very Light Jets and the continued expansion of the fractional operators, supports an optimistic outlook for the Group's organic growth prospects. This organic growth, supplemented by the opportunity for infill acquisitions, should ensure that the business makes further good progress on a constant currency basis into the medium term.

In the Flight Support division, Signature has experienced strong demand, particularly in the last three months and has invested \$4.5m in adding another FBO at Clearwater/St Petersburg, Florida to the network in the USA. ASIG has performed well in the second half, although its final results will be dependent upon the demand for de-icing services that, for the first three weeks of December, have been somewhat below our expectations.

In Aftermarket Services and Systems the improved performance seen at engine repair and overhaul in the first half of the year has continued in the second half. Our component repair and distribution businesses, which include Ontic, acquired in February of this year, continue to perform well. APPH has had another good year and today announces a major order with Eurocopter for landing gear systems worth c. \$100m over the next 20 years, with the first deliveries expected in 2010.

Fiberweb, which was demerged on November 17th, and Becorit, which was sold on December 1st, will now be reported under discontinued operations. Discontinued operations are expected to show a post tax loss of c. £75 million after charging demerger costs in 2006 of c. £30 million, impairment and other reorganisation costs that were incurred at Fiberweb prior to the demerger of £90 million and a profit on the disposal of Becorit of c. £18 million.

Following the disposal of Becorit, the Group's net debt at the end of 2006 is now expected to be somewhat lower than the £400 million forecast for the year-end at the time of the demerger. Interest for the full year is likely to be around £26 million, inclusive of the impact of the higher debt levels prior to Fiberweb leaving the Group.

Commenting on the trading statement, Michael Harper, Chief Executive said:

"The completion of the demerger of Fiberweb in November was a major milestone for the Group. We are now focused on developing our aviation businesses to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the growth of the business aviation

market. Our businesses have performed well in 2006 and with strong market conditions and the potential for infill acquisitions we look forward to making further progress in 2007”.

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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.