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News Release

Debra Whittaker appointed First Aviation Services Inc. Group Chief Engineer

Westport, CT, September 18, 2023 – First Aviation Services Inc. announced the appointment of Debra Whittaker as Chief Engineer for the First Aviation Group of companies. Ms. Whittaker brings a wealth of experience from her background within aircraft component maintenance repair and overhaul specifically in repair development as Engineering Manager at Delta Air Lines and Vice President of Engineering at Aerospace Coatings International. Ms. Whittaker’s history as a company approved FAA-DER fits perfectly with First Aviation’s team of engineers which already includes multiple DERs.

The appointment compliments First Aviation’s goal of differentiation through engineering excellence. Debra Whittaker will be leading a team of engineers that supports five FAA-145 repair stations, three FAA Product Approval Holders for FAA-PMA development and an MRO and manufacturing facility serving the defense department.

Paul Bolton, First Aviation Services’ COO said “We have an extraordinary group of engineers serving fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft in the military, corporate and airline market. We are very fortunate to have Debra joining the team with her leadership and engineering experience. Her skills in repair development, engineering mentoring and action driven results are well aligned with our goals.” Ms. Whittaker added “The opportunity to be part of the First Aviation team with their strong brands, history of engineering excellence and continued growth is very exciting”.

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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., Evōlution 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. More information about FAvS and its subsidiaries may be found on the company's website www.firstaviation.com.

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