HEROUX-DEVTEK ANNOUNCES CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH SAAB AB

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Héroux-Devtek Inc., a leading international manufacturer of aerospace products, today announced that its subsidiary Héroux-Devtek UK (formerly APPH Ltd.) has extended its global strategic maintenance agreement with **Saab** AB, Support & Services, Regional Aircraft ("Saab RA"). The extended agreement further enhances the global maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services and support available to operators of all variants of the Saab 340 and Saab 2000 aircraft families.

This extended global strategic maintenance cooperation combines Héroux-Devtek´s expertise as a landing gear designer and manufacturer with Saab RA´s operator and aircraft service provider capability, technical expertise and knowledge. Héroux-Devtek´s design ownership, combined with Saab RA´s role as original equipment manufacturer and type certificate holder of the Saab 340 and Saab 2000 aircraft, makes it possible to develop new repair schemes and service schedules. Saab RA´s relationship with Héroux-Devtek UK began in the 1980s, when jointly designing the

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landing gear for the Saab 340 and Saab 2000 aircraft.

The agreement enhances maintenance support for landing gear to be continuously made available to all Saab 340 and Saab 2000 operators through Saab RA via Héroux-Devtek´s facilities in Runcorn, UK and Wichita, Kansas. This work can be contracted through Saab's Regional Aircraft Support organizations in Linköping, Sweden and Ashburn, Virginia.

The Saab 340 aircraft remains the most attractive option in the 30-seat class with no new aircraft available to replace it. More than 450 aircraft were built between 1983 and 1999. Meanwhile, the Saab 2000 was designed to carry 50 to 58 passengers and 63 aircraft were built between 1992 and 1999. Héroux-Devtek remains committed to working with operators and Saab RA to manage the direct operating costs and provide a platform for many years of continued, cost effective, in-service life.

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