



## News Release

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### **Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Appoints Chief Pilots**

WICHITA, Kan. (April 23, 2007) – Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Weatherford to chief pilot, Hawker sales demonstration and Peter Kennedy to chief pilot, Beechcraft sales demonstration.

“Both Dan and Peter are experienced and highly talented pilots, fully committed to the success of the new Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, their demonstration pilot teams and our customers,” said Jim Schuster, Chairman and CEO. “They lead the best pilots in the industry and will do a great job for the company.”

“The chief pilots are the subject matter experts for the complete Hawker and Beechcraft product lineup and accountable for all aspects of flight operations,” said Marc Manella, director flight operations. Their role is a critical element in the sales process, not only in terms of daily oversight, management and training of demonstration pilots, but also in assuring that our customers understand the full capabilities and benefits of our aircraft.” He added, “They also work to ensure the success of each mission and manage all aspects of safety for the pilot teams at HBC as well as assisting our customers and their pilots.

Dan Weatherford moves into the Hawker chief pilot role after extensive involvement in Hawker 4000 flight test activities and serving as training captain in the Hawker 800 series and 4000. He joined the demonstration department in 1997 and has been flying worldwide demos in the Hawker 400XP, 800 series, 1000 and 4000. He was demo pilot of the year in 2004. Before joining Hawker Beechcraft, Weatherford worked for a Wichita-based company for 10 years overseeing their corporate flight operations.

Born into a family of aviators in Great Bend, Kan., Weatherford grew up at the airport that his parents operate and learned to fly at a very early age. He soloed 16 airplanes on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, including six twin-engine airplanes. Being in the general aviation industry his entire life has afforded Weatherford the opportunity to fly numerous makes and models of aircraft, and he holds seven jet type ratings.

Peter Kennedy is an experienced senior demonstration captain on all Beechcraft models currently in production. He was the 2005 Demonstration Pilot of the Year and, coincidentally, is on this month's cover of *Flying* magazine in a Beechcraft King Air 350.

Kennedy joined the Royal Air Force in 1974 and flew the BAe Jet Provost T Mk 4, T Mk 5, Folland Gnat and Hawker Hunter, Jetstream T Mk1, and Avro Vulcan four-engine jet bomber. He was a qualified flight instructor, deputy flight commander and flying supervisor near York, England, before moving to rotary-wing aircraft in 1985. Kennedy flew the Aerospatiale Gazelle and earned the "Blackwood" Trophy for the highest aggregate ground school results.

Prior to joining HBC, Kennedy served as aviation department head at Kansas State University. He moved to Salina, Kan., in 1989; and through the university, he trained pilots for Air Services Training of Perth, Scotland, U.K. and British Aerospace of Prestwick, Scotland. He has the distinction of having been one of only a few flight instructors in the world holding current FAA- and CAA-approved flight instructor ratings concurrently during the early 1990s.

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is the world's leading business, special-mission and trainer aircraft manufacturer – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company's headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; and Chester, England, U.K. The company leads the industry with a global network of over 100 factory-owned and authorized service centers.

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