



### Blackhawk Inks Deal with Air Alliance for 3 Caravan PT6A-42A Engine Upgrades

Blackhawk signed an agreement during EBACE in Geneva with German based Air Alliance for 3 new Pratt & Whitney PT6A-42A engines for the Grand Caravan 208 series. The new engine option with 850 continuous SHP will offer a much needed boost in takeoff, climb and cruise performance for the Cessna Grand Caravan. Air Alliance, the leading Cessna Caravan Dealer in Europe was also instated as a fully authorized Blackhawk Distributor and Installation Center for all Blackhawk products. For the installation and distribution of the Caravan XP 42A upgrade Air Alliance is the only Blackhawk partner for Europe. Certification for the new PT6A-42A engine is expected in the fourth quarter of 2009 and deliveries will begin thereafter.

Jim Allmon, President and CEO of Blackhawk Modifications said, "We are pleased that Air Alliance recognizes the value involved with upgrading engines which is particularly true for the Caravan fleet. Blackhawk's revolutionary model of upgrading engines rather than overhauling continues to expand flexibility for European operators due to the sizable performance improvement."

**About Blackhawk Modifications:** Blackhawk Modifications is the leading turboprop aircraft engine upgrade company in the world specializing in King Air 90 and 200 series aircraft as well as Conquest I, Cheyenne and Caravan series. Headquartered in Waco, Texas, Blackhawk has now equipped over 220 turboprop aircraft with the Pratt & Whitney XP engine upgrade since 2000 and continues to certify new engine upgrades and value adding enhancements designed to increase the usefulness and safety of the turboprop fleet.



Picture: Left to right, Jeff Raines, Director of Special Projects of Blackhawk; Georg Müller-Breuer – Air Alliance Sales Manager; Wolfgang Krombach – Air Alliance Managing Director shakes hands with Jim Allmon, President and CEO of Blackhawk; Oliver Oberhofer, European Sales Representative of Blackhawk.