

First Program Addressing Aircraft Industry Sustainability Awards Accreditation To Five Global Companies

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Washington, DC ([PRWeb](#)) July 29, 2008 - During its Annual Meeting in North America, the Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) unveiled the first five global companies to receive the prestigious AFRA accreditation: Europe Aviation, Southern California Aviation, Air Salvage International, P3 Aviation and Volvo Aero Services.

"AFRA's accreditation process provides aircraft owners with a trackable process that places a priority on harvesting parts in a safe, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective manner," states Martin Fraissignes, Executive Director for AFRA. "Our association's strong belief is that end-of-service aircraft owners will preferentially seek out companies with operations that have been independently reviewed and accredited to embody the expertise and process fidelity that will realize the greatest value for their aircraft at the lowest risk."

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"To that end, AFRA's guidance is composed of 45 Best Practices across seven categories--facility characteristics, training, asset and parts documentation, tooling, parts management, environmental controls, and recycling planning," replies Bill Carberry, Deputy Director for AFRA. "The ultimate goal of AFRA accreditation is to establish performance expectations for aging fleet aircraft management that will gradually raise the performance level of companies that wish to compete in this area of business."

Craig Garrick, Chief Executive Officer at Southern California Aviation (SCA) says, "SCA's business plan has always been to align with good companies in an effort to preserve the environment, and we recognize that key members of AFRA complement SCA's principles and goals. We truly believe this AFRA accreditation highlights our pioneering spirit in the disassembly and transitional segment of the aviation industry."

Another newly accredited company and founding member of AFRA, Air Salvage International (ASI), continues to take its role in the environment seriously. "Along with ASI's contributions to the Environment Agency of England and Wales," states Mark Gregory, Managing Director with ASI, "AFRA remains a critical link to our future direction. In addition to ASI's contributions to AFRA's knowledge base, we are tapping into the global expertise that strengthens the sustainability efforts within our segment."

A second company from the U.K. is also celebrating its new AFRA accreditation. "P3 Aviation's mission to deliver a safe, reliable product within a framework of environmental best practices is perfectly aligned with AFRA's vision," replies Phil Donohoe, Managing Director at P3 Aviation. "We are delighted and committed to build on this benchmark that will elevate standards."

In wrapping up the global group of newly accredited companies, Hank Gibson, Senior Vice President, Customer Solutions for Volvo Aero Services adds, "We are extremely proud of capturing this AFRA accreditation. As a leading provider of aftermarket services in the aviation industry, Volvo Aero Services is aware of our responsibility for continuous industry improvements. The association with AFRA is another example of our commitment to corporate values: quality, safety and environmental care."

About Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association:

Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) is a recognized industry association that has been featured in Aviation Week, Flight International, Smithsonian Air & Space, SpeedNews, the Wall Street Journal, and several other leading publications regarding their goals and progress to improve sustainability within the commercial aircraft industry. With specific attention to the safe and environmentally responsible management of the world's aging aircraft fleet - AFRA's efforts focus on:

- * Safe and environmentally responsible management of world's aging aircraft fleet,
- * Safe and economical return of aircraft, engines and parts to revenue service, and
- * Safe return of reclaimed materials back into commercial manufacturing

To remain unbiased, AFRA is a non-profit organization that does not rely on government sponsorship or funding. The association's activities are funded solely by its 30+ global members from companies and universities located in ten countries including North America, Europe, and Africa.

For more information about AFRA, accreditation program and membership opportunities please contact our headquarters in Washington D.C. or visit their web site at: www.afraassociation.org. To learn more about the newly accredited companies, visit Europe Aviation (www.europe-aviation.net), Southern California Aviation (<http://www.scaviation.com/>), Air Salvage International (www.airsalvage.co.uk), P3 Aviation (www.p3aviation.com), and Volvo Aero Services (<http://www.volvo.com/volvoaero/global/en-gb/partsservices>).

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