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# News Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Integrated Flight Systems Appoints Tonka Hufford as Vice President/General Manager**

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 24, 2009 – **Ranger Rotorcraft Group, Inc.**, a market leader in helicopter technical services, announced the appointment of Tonka Hufford as Vice President and General Manager of its Integrated Flight Systems, Inc. subsidiary. Integrated Flight Systems is a leading air conditioner and video systems manufacturer located at the Company's Ft. Worth Meacham Field "HeliHub™". Integrated Flight Systems (IFS) is the holder of a FAA PMA authority that designs, manufactures and distributes air conditioning and video camera systems for various helicopter models. IFS has manufactured, shipped, or installed over 500 lightweight air conditioners for a variety of helicopter types in the past 10 years. IFS has developed marketing relationships with domestic and international helicopter operators, including several of Eurocopter's subsidiaries. IFS is currently the largest external supplier of air conditioners for the Eurocopter AS350/EC130 model product line. During 2008, IFS relocated its operations from Reno, Nevada to Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas to a completely refurbished 34,000 square feet facility.

**Edward Bolden**, President of Ranger Rotorcraft Group, said: "We are pleased to welcome Tonka to our expanding senior management group and we are confident that his extensive helicopter experience and successful history of managing FAA PMA operations will further improve our air conditioning and video product lines. Tonka comes to us after several years of increasing responsibilities at Premier Aviation, the former HAS Corporation, and most recently Heritage Aviation where he managed both the completions and manufacturing operations."

**LeRoy Aday**, President of Integrated Flight Systems noted: "Tonka has been a long-time customer of IFS and I am pleased to add the "customer" perspective to our production efforts. I expect that Tonka will have a significant impact upon the design and operation of our air conditioning systems, resulting in improvements in delivery, installation and after delivery customer/product support of all our product lines." **Tonka Hufford** in accepting the new appointment, said: "I am very excited about the opportunities at Ranger Rotorcraft. During my years in the rotorcraft industry, I've watched the growth of the various Ranger holdings, the systematic conversions of small, closely held or family owned companies into industry dynamos, and the impact upon the helicopter industry and frankly, I've wanted to be part of that process."

The rotorcraft services holdings of Ranger Rotorcraft Group, and some of their unique technical features, include:

- **Texas Aviation Services, Inc.** -- a large depot-sized helicopter service center that specializes in completions, avionics, interiors, paint, MRO, re-wiring, and mission retrofits for civilian and military helicopters. The President of TAS is Michael Bashlor.
- **Integrated Flight Systems, Inc.** - specializes in helicopter air conditioners and video systems, and is adding new STC's for other helicopter specialty products. The President of IFS is Leroy Aday.
- **Ranger AeroDesign** - an engineering unit that provides aeronautical engineering services to Ranger's subsidiaries and to outside clients, with a goal of eventually qualifying as an "ODA" licensee with the FAA. The officer in charge of this engineering unit is Fida Waishek.

- **Platinum Aviation Group, Inc.** - holder of numerous STC's and an unlimited repair station license, in which special projects can be accomplished. Newly teamed with Pegasus Helicopters PLC (a British public company), for prototyping and manufacturing pressure-jet helicopter kits. Mr. Aday is also President of Platinum.

**Ranger Rotorcraft Group, Inc.** presently has all of its operations at Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas. The mission of the Company is to create the largest and best independent rotorcraft technical services company in the South. With 174,000 square feet of hangars and shops, the Company commands a strong position in the helicopter services industry and its aftermarket support sectors. The Meacham Airport operations are one of the largest of their type in the South, with the capacity for scores of helicopter projects per year. For more information visit <http://www.rangeraerospace.com/>, <http://www.texasaviationservices.com/>, <http://www.integratedflightsys.com/>, <http://www.rangeraerodesign.com/>, and <http://www.platinumaviation.com/>.

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