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**New ownership at Thrush sets sights on a very bright future.**

*Planned restructuring process now complete and new leadership is in place.*

(Albany, Georgia) With the stroke of a pen and some celebratory handshakes, the planned ten-week restructuring process at Thrush Aircraft has been completed.

Industry veteran Mark McDonald is the new CEO of Thrush, and he and his team of seasoned professionals are already moving forward with plans to increase the company's capabilities and capacity, drawing on their combined 75 years of aviation experience.

"The past few years have been hard for Thrush and for all of our stakeholders," said Mr. McDonald. "But the issues the company had to overcome had little to do with the quality of our product, and nothing to do with the quality of our people," he continued. "Now, as we begin a new chapter in this legendary company's history, I can tell you that, from the factory floor to the flight line, all of us are genuinely excited about the future of this great brand."

Eric Rojek, vice president of Thrush, added, "We'll have much more to talk about in the weeks ahead and we look forward to seeing everyone at NAAA later this month where we'll be introducing our new leadership team and sharing our latest product news. In the meantime, our customers around the world can continue to count on sales, deliveries, training and support to continue at their best – and for each of our services to improve even more."

Concluded Mr. Rojek: "Reorganization is often a fact of life in the aircraft industry – and today we are the better for it – as Thrush is now highly stable, and very well-positioned for growth and long-term success."



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### **Caption for attached photo**

The sun is shining on Thrush Aircraft, as new ownership and leadership are now in place and the company has positioned itself for on-going growth and long-term success.

### **About Thrush Aircraft Company**

Headquartered in Albany, Georgia, Thrush Aircraft manufactures a full range of aerial application aircraft used in agriculture, forestry and firefighting roles worldwide. Founded in 2003, Thrush is well-known for building the most durable aircraft in the aerial application and firefighting industries – as well as the best flying – from both pilot and operator perspectives. All Thrush models provide superb visibility, light control response, and a high degree of maneuverability and speed, along with superior efficiency and low direct operating costs. Today there are more than 2,400 Thrush aircraft operating in some 80 countries around the world.

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