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**Thrush Aircraft establishes major presence in Brazil**

*Brazilian partnership created to serve operators across the country.*

Thrush Aircraft continued to aggressively expand its global presence with this month's opening of Thrush Aircraft do Brazil, a full service company created specifically to serve Thrush owners and operators across the Brazilian nation. The company is headquartered in Anapolis, Brazil a city deep in the heart of the agricultural rich state of Goias.

Thrush Aircraft do Brazil will handle aircraft sales, service, training, and support for all Thrush Aircraft operating in the country, and will soon oversee final assembly at its main facility of the company's popular Thrush 510P models to be delivered to the Brazilian market. The company is also in the process of establishing a network of factory authorized, fully stocked service facilities across Brazil, with the first scheduled to open in August of this year. These new facilities are important to the company's tradition of personally servicing operators worldwide at a very local level.

"Having a major feet-on-the-ground presence in Brazil is critical to properly supporting our growing customer base there" said Payne Hughes, president of Thrush Aircraft. "By creating Thrush Aircraft do Brazil, we can now offer operators the level of support they need to handle the amazing growth we've seen in agricultural productivity in the country – all in the language and culture of the region, and all provided by a staff that understands the unique needs of Brazilian operators" he continued.

Thrush Aircraft do Brazil is led by Jim Cable, president of the new company, and a native of the Anapolis region. "I am so very proud to be a part of bringing Thrush Aircraft to Brazil" said Jim. "I've known the aircraft well for many years, and believe it is perfect for our agricultural aviation market here, particularly as we see many operators shift to larger, more capable and reliable aircraft than they are currently flying. By offering customers a one-stop-shop capability along with the level of service Thrush is famous for, I strongly believe we'll give customers an unmatched combination of the best aircraft and the best support available anywhere in the Brazil."

### **About Thrush Aircraft Company**

Headquartered in Albany, Georgia, Thrush Aircraft manufactures a full range of aerial application aircraft used in agriculture, forestry and fire fighting roles worldwide. Founded in 2003, Thrush is well-known for building the most durable aircraft in the aerial application industry, 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 2,200 Thrush aircraft operating in some 80 countries around the world.

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### **Photo Caption – Thrush Aircraft do Brazil Opens Its Doors**

On July 13, 2011 in Anapolis, Brazil, Thrush Aircraft do Brazil began serving customers with factory authorized sales and support for Thrush operators in the country. This 00000 square meter facility will be the first of several across the Brazilian nation to be operated by Thrush Aircraft do Brazil – each stocking parts and expertise to ensure customers needs are served with the quality and dependability Thrush is known for worldwide.