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**MAXCRAFT AVIONICS & CANADIAN HELICOPTERS
TEAM UP FOR ASTRONAUTICS ROADRUNNER® EFI RETROFIT**
Transforming a legacy cockpit to NexGen Capabilities for the Bell 212 and Sikorsky S-61

(Vancouver, BC) January 29, 2020 - Maxcraft Avionics Ltd, one of the largest avionics shops in Canada, has teamed up with Canadian Helicopters to retrofit the Bell 212 and the Sikorsky S-61 with Astronautics AFI4700 RoadRunner® Electronic Flight Instrument (EFI). It's form-fit-function EFI that is designed as a replacement for Attitude Director Indicator and Horizontal Situational Indicator primary flight instruments.

The intuitive AFI4700 RoadRunner was designed to reduce installation time, power, instrument panel, and cooling requirements. The EFI is NVIS compatible, and displays HTAWS, TCAS, and Weather with readability in all lighting conditions. SVS will be available as a future field-loadable upgrade. The unit increases operational capability by enabling LPV approaches and is approved for single pilot IFR. With no mechanical components, this feature increases reliability and a significant weight savings of 20lbs over the legacy displays. Maxcraft's Design Approval Organization (DAO) will develop the required STCs approving the installation in both platforms.

The Bell 212 is a two-blade, twin engine, medium helicopter that first flew in 1968. It's a highly successful version of the U.S. Army "Huey" helicopter. It can be configured for 14 passengers and one pilot. Utilized in both civilian and military applications, its considered a workhorse in remote operations and hot and high-altitude conditions.

The Sikorsky S-61 model is a heavy lift helicopter initially designed for off-shore oil support and passenger carrying, but now are primarily used for utility work. "The Silkorsky S-61 models are true workhorses, with the modification of EFI displays we are easily bringing cockpit reliability and improved functionality to the pilots," stated Daryl MacIntosh, CEO Maxcraft Avionics. "The additional connectivity to a multitude of avionics in the cockpit increases situational awareness and redundancy," added Daryl.

According to Canadian Helicopters' President & CEO, Don Wall, "Maxcraft has been a long-standing supplier of Canadian Helicopters. We anticipate significant benefit with this retrofit and are pleased to partner with Maxcraft on this initiative."

About Maxcraft Avionics Ltd.

Maxcraft specializes in avionics system design, installation, and maintenance serving Business Aviation, Police/EMS, Commercial and Special Mission operators for fixed wing and rotorcraft platforms. In addition to certification as an Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO), Maxcraft is also certified as a Design Approval Organization (DAO) in Canada. For over 30 years our team has provided helicopter operator/partners worldwide with unique and fully approved avionics solutions.

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About Astronautics

Astronautics Corporation of America, headquartered in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, is a global leader in the design, development, and manufacture of secure avionics equipment and systems for the commercial and military aerospace industry. Key product areas include electronic primary flight and engine displays, connected aircraft and cyber solutions, electronic flight bags, and certified servers for airborne applications. Services include avionics system integration and custom software for critical applications. Since its founding in 1959, Astronautics has been providing trusted, reliable, and tailored solutions to help clients achieve mission success. Astronautics is the parent company of Kearfott Corporation, headquartered in Woodland Park, New Jersey.

About Canadian Helicopters

Canadian Helicopters is a diversified helicopter operator and support company with a fleet of close to 100 aircraft and a network of 25 bases providing operations across Canada. Canadian Helicopters also operates from various seasonal/contractual international locations. The operator provides single and twin engine helicopter service to a broad range of sectors including military support, emergency medical services (EMS), hydro/utilities, oil and gas, mining, forestry, police, corporate, and construction. In addition to helicopter transportation service, Canadian Helicopters and its subsidiary companies operate a flight training school and provide third party repair, maintenance and overhaul of helicopters and their components, both in Canada and the United States. Canadian Helicopters is privately held, has approximately 450 employees, and is headquartered near Montréal, Québec.

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