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TDG Aerospace Announces Sale and Delivery of 600th NOFOD System to Aeromexico

Proven clear ice prevention system serves as means of compliance to FAA AD-2002-21-6

San Diego, CA — January 20, 2003 TDG Aerospace, a global leader in aircraft safety solutions, today announced the sale and delivery of its 600th NOFOD™ Clear Ice Prevention System to Aeromexico. Responding to the approaching Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) deadline, Aeromexico has selected the NOFOD system to serve as its means of compliance to Air Worthiness Directive AD-2002-21-06 (STC SA6042NM) for its entire MD-80 fleet. Aeromexico is the first non-U.S. carrier to employ NOFOD, and adds yet another well-respected customer to TDG's distinguished client list, which includes American Airlines, Delta Airlines, US Airways, TWA, Midwest Express, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, MGM Mirage and others.

In March 2001 the FAA issued an amended Air Worthiness Directive, AD-2002-21-06, requiring air carriers to install either ice detection or over wing heater blanket systems on their MD-80 series aircraft by May 7, 2004. TDG's NOFOD is the first and only over-wing heater blanket system to ensure full compliance with FAA amended AD-2002-21-06. The NOFOD system is specifically designed to prevent the formation of cold soaked wing ice, which forms as a result of supercooled fuel chilling the upper wing surfaces of the aircraft. This clear ice forms on the upper wing surfaces of aircraft after landing in temperatures between 35° - 75°F (2° - 24°C), and can pose a significant flight safety hazard for planes operating in moisture-rich climates.

From TDG's perspective, prevention is the key word in aircraft safety, said Gerald Bench, President & CEO of TDG Aerospace. The NOFOD System is unique. It is the only product of

its kind to prevent the formation of clear ice before it occurs. The system can be easily installed in a routine C-check, and provides clear cost advantages to airlines. With the deadline to comply with the FAA's Air Worthiness Directive less than four months away, NOFOD's proven reliability and cost efficiency make it clear why so many well known airlines have chosen TDG for their compliance solution.

The NOFOD Clear Ice Prevention System consists of over-wing heater blankets that become a robust structural part of the wing. The system prevents the formation of clear ice by providing a continuous source of heat to the upper surfaces of the wing while the aircraft is on the ground. In addition to substantially improving aircraft safety, the NOFOD system provides additional advantages to air carriers over other ice detection solutions, including improved fuel economies, reduction in deicing equipment, and reduced ground time which results in faster turns.

About TDG Aerospace.

TDG Aerospace creates dynamic air safety solutions for the aircraft and aerospace industry. Specializing in the development of cutting-edge products that prevent fire and ice, TDG provides solutions that help airlines save money, improve safety, ensure compliance and greatly reduce delays. Headquartered in San Diego, CA, TDG Aerospace was founded in 1990 and serves major air carriers such as American Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, TWA, US Air, Aeromexico, Allegiant Air, MGM Mirage and Otter. For more information, call TDG Aerospace at (619) 398-4633 or visit our Web site at www.tdgaerospace.com

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