

Seeker Aircraft to Begin Manufacturing in U.S.

Unique, surveillance airplane to be built by Erickson, Inc. in Portland, OR

Albuquerque, NM — Seeker Aircraft announced today that Erickson, Inc. will soon begin manufacturing its one-of-a-kind, light observation aircraft in the United States. Previously it was only manufactured in Australia. Seeker's new North American manufacturing operation will allow the company to better serve its customers and growing markets in North, Central, and South America as well as Europe and Africa.

“The *Seeker* provides unparalleled observational capabilities over both austere environments and populated urban areas,” said Seeker Aircraft CEO David Pohlman. “To ensure the quality of the *Seeker's* construction meets the demands of its operators, we are very pleased to have a partner whose dedication to excellence assures us of producing a top quality aircraft.”

Erickson, Incorporated of Portland, Oregon will serve as the company's North American manufacturer. Erickson is well-known in the aviation world for its fully-integrated manufacturing, engineering and maintenance capabilities. The company is an OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) and partner for leading helicopter OEMs, offering Seeker a skilled and diverse workforce for its manufacturing operations. Erickson's MRO organization is certified by both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

For more than 40 years, Erickson Incorporated has been a leader in aircraft manufacturing maintenance and development.

The *Seeker* Aircraft is a one-of-a-kind, purpose-built light observation aircraft specifically designed and developed for aerial surveillance missions. The aircraft provides superior fields of vision, the ability to carry a variety of sensors, and the capability of stable, slow flight. The *Seeker* is an invaluable tool for a variety of applications ranging from border patrol, law enforcement and natural disasters to pipeline and powerline surveillance.

“Our mission is to provide the safest, most capable and cost effective observation aircraft on the light aircraft market today. Our business is driven by the growing demand for real-time information across diverse industries and government services,” added David Pohlman.

Seeker Aircraft, Inc., is based in Albuquerque, N.M. and is the original equipment manufacturer for the SB7L-360A and SB7L-360A2 Seeker.

About Seeker Aircraft

The Seeker is a versatile, one-of-a-kind, light observation aircraft that was specifically designed and developed for surveillance missions. This fixed-wing aircraft provides a cost-effective solution for missions requiring short take-off and landing capabilities, easy maintenance in the field, and excellent cockpit visibility. Seekers are currently flying missions in Australia, Jordan, Azerbaijan, South Africa, Tanzania, UAE, and the US with the New Mexico State Police, among others. In development since 1993, Seeker Aircraft, Inc. manufactures, distributes, and supports

the Seeker worldwide. Seeker is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information, go to www.seekeraircraft.com.

About Erickson

Erickson is a leading global provider of aviation services and operates, maintains and manufactures utility aircraft to safely transport and place people and cargo around the world. The Company is self-reliant, multifaceted and operates in remote locations under challenging conditions specializing in Global Defense and Security, Manufacturing and MRO, and Commercial Services (comprised of firefighting, HVAC, power line, construction, timber harvesting, oil and gas and specialty lift). With roots dating back to 1960, Erickson operates a fleet of approximately 80 aircraft, is headquartered in Portland, Oregon, USA, and operates in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, and Australia. For more information, please visit our new website at www.ericksonaviation.com.

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