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### **DB Aviation Names New Director of Operations and Chief Pilot**

WAUKEGAN, Ill., July 12, 2010 – DB Aviation, Inc. (DB Aviation), a leading private aviation solutions company, has promoted Frank Vondrak to director of operations and appointed Gary Hay as chief pilot, effective immediately. Together, Vondrak and Hay bring more than 50 years of combined aviation experience, further enhancing DB Aviation’s team of seasoned pilots and operations specialists.

“As we continue to execute upon our goal of providing best-in-class private aviation services to our customers, it’s vital that we have exemplary leadership in place to ensure smooth operations and service,” said Dave Brittsan, chief executive officer of DB Aviation. “Frank and Gary both bring immense talent and a depth of experience to DB Aviation and will be integral to helping us meet and exceed customer expectations each and every day.”

In his new role as director of operations, Vondrak will oversee the day-to-day activity of DB Aviation’s flight operations. This includes ensuring compliance with all FAA and external agency regulations, leading DB Aviation’s training program, overseeing the development of manuals required by the FAA, and managing the operations staff, including the chief pilot, the charter manager and the aircraft management team. Vondrak was promoted to director of operations from chief pilot at DB Aviation.

Prior to joining DB Aviation, Vondrak was a principal at Volo Consulting, an aviation consulting firm that assists companies with FAA certification, aircraft implementation, flight operations manuals, flight crew training and aircraft repositioning. Vondrak also spent nearly 15 years at Midwest Airlines, where he served in a variety of different roles including check airman and fleet manager.

An experienced pilot with more than thirty years of aviation experience, Hay will manage the DB Aviation flight department in his role as chief pilot. He’ll work closely with Vondrak to supervise the flight crews and department support staff, lead pilot training initiatives, conduct safety audits and maintain standard operating procedure at DB Aviation. Prior to joining DB Aviation, Hay spent 18 years at Midwest Airlines, where he logged more than 17,000 flying hours as a B-717 captain and served as an instructor pilot and check airman.

**About DB Aviation**

DB Aviation, Inc. is one of the nation's largest aviation solutions firms offering Aircraft Management, Executive Air Charter, Jet Maintenance and Executive FBO Services. DB Aviation offers a diverse fleet of aircraft, strategically positioned around the country available for charter 24/7. DB Aviation is proud to hold some of the highest safety ratings in the aviation industry with an ARG/US Platinum rating and IS-BAO certification. For more information about DB Aviation, Inc., visit [www.dbaviation.com](http://www.dbaviation.com).

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