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ARGUS Platinum Rated Recipients Soar 18 Charter Operators Receive Coveted Platinum Rating

Cincinnati, OH, January 6, 2010...ARGUS is pleased to announce that it awarded 18 charter operators the coveted Platinum rating during the fourth quarter of 2009. The prestigious Platinum rating is ARGUS' highest level of safety ratings, and is awarded only to those air charter operators who have demonstrated successful implementation of industry best safety practices relative to their operations and maintenance. A complete list of these Platinum Rated operators is attached. In addition, for the first time in ARGUS' auditing history, 77 charter operators currently hold the ARGUS Platinum rating.

"I congratulate these 18 operators on achieving the ARGUS Platinum rating," stated Joe Moeggenberg, ARGUS President and CEO. "It is great to see that every quarter more and more charter operators are able to confirm the value of running an efficient and safe operation through a Platinum audit. We are especially pleased to see that throughout the tough economic times of 2009 these operators were able to maintain or rise to the standards required to achieve the elite Platinum rating."

"This was a busy year for the ARGUS and International Standard for Business Aircraft Operators (IS-BAO) combination audit," added Greg Wilcox, ARGUS' Business Aviation Audit Program Manager. "We launched the ARGUS IS-BAO combination audit in May of 2009 during EBACE and have since performed 12 combination audits. In total, ARGUS performed 87 business aviation audits in 2009: 62 audits performed using the ARGUS Standard, 20 audits performed utilizing the IS-BAO, 3 audits performed internationally and 2 audits for Part 91 operators."

The ability to perform an IS-BAO audit in conjunction with an ARGUS Platinum audit by adding just one day to the overall audit makes it possible for a charter company to potentially receive both an ARGUS Rating, as well as IS-BAO registration, as a result of this combination audit. This is a great time saver and enormous value for the charter operators. Since 2001, ARGUS has been conducting on-site audits for the business aviation community and has become one of the most respected auditing organizations in the industry. In total, the ARGUS PROS (Professional Resources for Operational Safety) audit group has performed more than 1,000 aviation operational safety audits worldwide.

ARGUS PROS is the only audit organization that has developed its own industry-leading audit standard for charter operators and also holds authorizations from two world-recognized standards organizations. ARGUS is authorized by both the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) to perform audits utilizing their respective standards: IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) and the IS-BAO. Based on auditor and instructor credentials, IATA has named ARGUS one of only five Endorsed Training Organizations accredited to provide IOSA Auditor training.

ARGUS International, Inc. (ARGUS) is the industry leader in providing specialized aviation services to companies that manufacture, finance, operate, maintain, and market commercial and business aircraft, as well providing products and services to end-user consumers worldwide. ARGUS is the worldwide leader in performing on-site safety audits for corporate flight departments, charter operators, and commercial airlines. Founded in 1995, key ARGUS services include Charter Evaluation & Qualification (CHEQ) and CHEQPoint, PRISM (Professional Resources In System Management), TRAQPak market intelligence data service, aircraft operating cost reports, market research, and aviation and travel consulting. ARGUS is headquartered in Cincinnati, OH, with additional offices in Doylestown, PA, Denver, CO, Columbus, OH, and Houston, TX. For more information, please visit www.aviationresearch.com

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Operators Awarded the ARGUS Platinum Rating: October 2009- December 2009

- Arcadia Aviation—Martinsburg, WV
- Aviation Consultants, Inc—San Luis, CA
- Clay Lacy Aviation, Inc—Van Nuys, CA
- DB Aviation, Inc—Waukegan, IL
- Executive Flight, Inc—Wenatchee, WA
- HMC Interests, LLC—Houston, TX
- Jet Aviation Flight Services, Inc—Teterboro, NJ
- JetSmart, Inc—Rochester, NY
- Macair, Inc—Santa Ana, CA
- Midwest Aviation, Division of Southwest Aviation, Inc.—Marshall, MN
- Northern Illinois Flight Center, Inc—Lake In The Hills, IL
- Oak Air, LTD—Akron, OH
- Segrave Aviation, Inc—Kinston, NC
- SkyService Business Aviation, Inc—Quebec, Canada
- Sky Limo Corporation—Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Sun Air Jets, LLC—Camarillo, CA
- Talon Air, Inc—Farmingdale, NY
- Voyager Jet Center, LLC—West Mifflin, PA

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