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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **US FAA STC Received for Hemisphere 200XR Executive Interior**

Redmond, WA (July 14, 2009) – Tailwind Capital LLC and Global Principal Finance Co., LLC are pleased to announce that their completion partner, PATS Aircraft Systems, has received FAA Supplemental Type Certification for the **Hemisphere 200XR** executive interior installation. The initial **Hemisphere 200XR** interior layout offers seating for 15 passengers in a luxurious VIP configuration.

Based on the venerable CRJ-200 platform, the **Hemisphere 200XR** aircraft conversion program was jointly developed by Tailwind Capital and its investment partner, Global Principal Finance Co. LLC. The first **Hemisphere 200XR** was delivered this month to Solid Air BV in the Netherlands. The **Hemisphere 200XR** is an ultra-large cabin private jet that offers a unique combination of the highest standards of luxury, affordability and timely delivery. The aircraft is expertly converted from well-maintained, low-time Bombardier CRJ-200LR aircraft. Each **Hemisphere 200XR** features a comprehensive avionics suite, an exceptional service record and is current on inspections and airworthiness directives. Also equipped with the newly certified and SFAR88 compliant PATS Auxiliary Fuel System, the aircraft allows for a range of up to 3,000 nm.

“FAA certification of the **Hemisphere 200XR** is a major milestone and delivers on the promise of offering a truly global aircraft that can be validated in the most stringent of jurisdictions. As with all Hemisphere aircraft, the standard 16G interior will allow customers to operate this aircraft in virtually any location providing the utmost in value, flexibility and utility,” says Joel Hussey, President of Tailwind Capital, LLC.

“PATS recognizes the **Hemisphere 200XR** as a real game changer. Unlike other CRJ conversion programs, the Hemisphere has been engineered and designed with the owner/operator in mind. Having an aircraft that meets the highest operational standards and certification requirements at delivery makes this aircraft much easier to own and operate,” offered John Martin, Vice President & General Manager of PATS Aircraft Systems.

The baseline **Hemisphere 200XR** aircraft offers a fifteen passenger interior layout with customer-selected finishes, the PATS Auxiliary Fuel System and custom exterior paint. Additional aircraft are available in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2009. Customers taking advantage of 2010 delivery positions will have the ability to fully customize their aircraft.



### About Tailwind Capital, LLC

Redmond, WA based Tailwind Capital was established in 2000 to focus on investment in aircraft, airlines and aviation-related assets. Tailwind has broad capabilities and a successful track record in aircraft trading, financing, leasing, re-marketing, and conversions.

### About PATS Aircraft Systems

PATS is the world leader in design, manufacture and installation of auxiliary fuel systems for transport category aircraft, setting the standard for safety and reliability. Their systems can be found in hundreds of aircraft, allowing long-range travel without sacrificing passenger compartment space.

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