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Hawker Pacific appoints new head to grow New Zealand operations.

Leading aircraft sales, service and product support company, Hawker Pacific, has moved to grow its operations in New Zealand with the appointment of Mr Steve Siddall as its new General Manager.

Hawker Pacific's Vice President, Avionics and Government Business, Doug Park, said that Mr Siddall has a background as a professional engineer with many years experience in aviation logistics management as well as in the area of maintenance and engineering support of a wide range of aircraft.

"Steve brings with him a strong understanding of both the industry and the region and has been responsible for significantly expanding the business of the companies he has represented. We are already seeing very positive signs since his commencement with Hawker Pacific.

"New Zealand is an extremely important market for Hawker Pacific and our core business activities. We see Steve's appointment as an important first step in repositioning our local operations to support fixed and rotary wing aircraft, with a specialist focus on avionics as we see this segment as critically under supported in the local market," he said.

In 2004, Hawker Pacific successfully acquired Wing and Rotor Ltd. Hawker Pacific NZ was subsequently appointed as the sole sales representative for Bell Helicopters for New Zealand.

"It is now time to add a much broader capability to our operations here. We have challenging growth objectives and we believe we will go a long way towards achieving these through Steve's knowledge and leadership," Mr Park added.

Hawker Pacific's plans include developing its Avionics business in New Zealand by leveraging off its highly successful and market leading Cairns based, Australian Avionics subsidiary.

Hawker Pacific New Zealand now offers fixed and rotary wing avionics support, including mobile tarmac services, as well as an installation and retrofit capability at the Ardmore facility, as well as in the field, by arrangement.

The company is also expanding its current MRO capabilities for fixed wing aircraft. New taxiways have been installed and the ramp facility doubled at Ardmore. The facility can handle a broader range of aircraft including the KingAir 200, 350 and 1900 turboprops, as well as some small and medium size executive jets.

In addition, the company has been tailoring its local inventory of spare parts to meet the specific needs of the New Zealand aviation market place.

"Spare parts warehousing is one of Hawker Pacific's core strengths," Steve Siddall said. "By establishing a much broader inventory of the parts our customers need, we will be able to meet most demands and significantly reduce waiting times for our customers."

"We are totally committed to implementing this program," Steve said. "The new taxiway is in, the avionics mobile van is fully operational and our warehouse of spares is substantially broader and growing by the day," he added.

"In short, we are open for business."

Notes to editors.

Hawker Pacific Pty Ltd is the market-leader in integrated civil and military aerospace sales and product support in Australasia. The company maintains facilities in South-East Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East.

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