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HEADLINE: PlaneSense Adds Grob spn Light Jet to Fractional Fleet

PlaneSense®, the fractional aircraft ownership program managed by New Hampshire-based Alpha Flying, Inc., has announced it will enhance its current fleet of Pilatus PC-12 turboprops in 2008 with the Grob spn light twin jet. Alpha Flying has placed 25 firm orders and options for the new aircraft.

PlaneSense's successful business model for regional operations created by founder George Antoniadis in 1996 capitalizes on the PC-12's superb cabin size, extremely efficient economics and exceptional short-field performance, allowing flights into thousands of smaller airports not served by the major airlines or most private jets. PlaneSense currently focuses its services east of the Mississippi.

"As we looked at the future of PlaneSense," says Antoniadis, "we understood that some of existing and potential owners want to move up to an aircraft that could cover distance more quickly. While our owners are completely satisfied with the cost savings of the PC-12, the need surfaced to add an aircraft that could shorten flight times to Florida, the Bahamas and the Midwest, while opening up Bermuda as a destination. Since PlaneSense share owners have grown accustomed to the time savings realized by operations into smaller general aviation airports, we needed an aircraft that would be the 'PC-12 of the jets.' The Grob spn fits that bill exactly, with its large, comfortable cabin, 3000-foot balanced field performance, ability to operate from unimproved strips, comparatively inexpensive operating costs, and business jet speed up to 41,000 feet."

Grob Aerospace is known for its innovative designs and multi-decade experience of manufacturing carbon fiber airframes. Built with cutting-edge German carbon fiber composite engineering and enhanced aerodynamics, the spn delivers operating costs lower than any other business jet in its class. It is powered by two Williams FJ44-3A turbofan engines with a projected maximum cruise speed of 415 kts and NBAA-IFR range of 1,800 nm. The spn is also the first light business jet to fly with the enhanced Honeywell Primus Apex integrated avionics system in an ergonomic, Porsche-

designed all-glass cockpit environment that reduces pilot workload.

The Grob spn brings to the light jet class a new synergy of comfort and technology. The Porsche Design Studio engineered a spacious, modern cabin for the spn. Passengers will appreciate the elegance of luxury materials throughout and the largest windows of all the light jets. Because of the cabin-cross section, the spn offers more head and shoulder room to its seated passengers than any other jet of its class. The PlaneSense configuration offers six-passenger executive seating with an enclosed rear lavatory and a comfortable galley in the front.

The spn is slated to begin service in the PlaneSense fractional ownership fleet soon after it receives FAA certification in mid-2008. “We expect to see a more versatile PlaneSense with the addition of the spn, and a continuing steady growth in the PC-12 fleet,” Antoniadis says.

Pricing and program details to be announced in the near future. For more information on either the new PlaneSense fractional program Grob spn twin jet or the existing Pilatus PC-12 turboprop, visit www.planesense.aero or call 800-603-5937.

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