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## **Mitsubishi Aircraft Taps Heath Tecna to Supply Components for the MRJ Interior**

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Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation has reached an agreement with Heath Tecna Inc. to have the U.S.-based firm supply the interior components for the next-generation Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ).

Based in Bellingham, Washington, Heath Tecna is one of the world's foremost suppliers of passenger aircraft interiors and components. For more than 30 years the company has designed, manufactured and certified interior components for more than 6,000 aircraft around the world.

Under the recently signed agreement, Heath Tecna will supply Mitsubishi Aircraft with, among others, the following components:

- Interior linings (flight deck, passenger compartment, cargo compartment)
- Galley units
- Lavatories
- Emergency escape slides
- Waste/water system

"Heath Tecna is excited and proud to be selected as Mitsubishi's MRJ Payload System Integrator," said Heath Tecna President Richard L. Ballantyne, adding, "Our relationship with the Mitsubishi team has proven to be a great partnership. Our mutual goal is to design and manufacture the world's leading payload system, contributing to the standard of the MRJ in the regional jet market for years to come."

"We are extremely pleased to have finalized our agreement with Heath Tecna. This newly forged relationship will contribute significantly to the success of the MRJ project and its concept of a regional jet that addresses environmental imperatives and meets the demands of passengers and airlines while ensuring the height of comfort," said Mitsubishi Aircraft President Hideo Egawa."

In addition, the MRJ project continues to proceed with developments including a recent agreement with Eurocopter, which has more than two decades of experience designing and manufacturing aircraft doors, to supply baggage, service and passenger doors for the MRJ.

The MRJ will be powered by Pratt & Whitney's most advanced and highly efficient PurePower® PW1000G engine(1), with other major participating partners including Parker Aerospace (the aircraft's hydraulic system), Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation (various systems, including electrical power, air management and auxiliary power units), Rockwell Collins (the flight control computers and avionics), Nabtesco Corporation (the flight control actuators), Sumitomo Precision Products Co., Ltd. (the landing gear), Spirit AeroSystems (pylons), AIDC (5 parts including slats and flaps).

(1) PurePower® PW1000G engine was formerly known as the Geared Turbofan® (GTF) engine.

## **About Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation**

Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation commenced operation on April 1, 2008 to conduct the design, type certification, procurement, sales & marketing and customer support of the Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ). It is currently capitalized at 100 billion yen, with this financing being furnished by, among others, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation, Sumitomo Corporation and Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

## **About MRJ**

The Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) is a family of 70- to 90-seat next-generation regional jets, which will offer both top-class operational economy and outstanding cabin comfort based on a vision of applying advanced mainline jet technology to create a new standard for next-generation regional jets.

The MRJ is under development by Mitsubishi Aircraft and will be based on cutting-edge technology cultivated by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) during its many years engaged in the development and manufacture of both military and commercial aircraft.

By featuring state-of-the-art aerodynamic design, noise analysis technologies and a game-changing engine, the MRJ will significantly cut fuel consumption, noise and emissions, consequently improving competitiveness

and profitability for airlines. The MRJ will have a four-abreast seat configuration, with large overhead bins, and also feature an innovative slim seat that offers heightened comfort to passengers.

### **About Heath Tecna Inc.**

Heath Tecna Inc. is the foremost supplier of passenger aircraft interiors and components worldwide. The company designs, manufactures, and supplies passenger aircraft interiors and components for airlines and original equipment manufacturers. For more than 30 years it has designed, manufactured and certified interior components for a total of more than 6,000 aircraft around the world. It has manufacturing facilities in Bellingham, Washington; and, Australia. The company was founded in 1950 and is based in Bellingham, Washington. Heath Tecna, Inc. operates as a subsidiary of Premium Aircraft Interiors Group Ltd.