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## **PREMIER AVIATION SIGNS MRO SERVICE CONTRACT WITH WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**PREMIER AVIATION WINDSOR INC.** - Premier Aviation of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec along with the City of Windsor, Ontario, in partnership with Your Quick Gateway (Windsor) Inc. announced today, the signing of a service and lease agreement naming Premier Aviation as the chosen supplier of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services at the Windsor International Airport (YQG). The new state-of-the-art facility is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2012 and will expand the airline maintenance services provided by both YQG and Premier Aviation. Premier Aviation is proud to be associated with the City of Windsor and appreciates the dynamic vision and strategic approach to the creation of an aerospace center at the Windsor Airport.

With the affiliate in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec operating at capacity and the affiliate facility in Rome, New York attracting new clientele, Premier Aviation expects this agreement to enable the company to expand its client base, as well as broaden its service on new fleet types, while maintaining the quality and client satisfaction that has culminated in this project. The Windsor facility is planned to provide maintenance services on CRJ's, Q400's and narrow body Airbus aircraft but with the capacity to service wide body aircraft should the market demand arise.

The Windsor Ontario facility is a perfect compliment to Premier's two existing affiliate facilities and to the evolving trends of the aviation industry in North America. All Premier locations are geo-politically advantageous, situated within 1 hour of eight (8) of the largest airports in North America and with an abundance of skilled labor. With the signing of this agreement, Premier Aviation is projected to be one of the few independent, and the only international heavy maintenance supplier in the province of Ontario.

Ronnie Di Bartolo, CEO of Premier Aviation says, "The MRO industry is a competitive arena. Unlike other MRO activities, airframe heavy maintenance is labour-intensive and margins are thin, demanding high levels of productivity, efficiency and

flexibility. Our success in managing those elements has made Premier Aviation operationally strong. Our business plan is solid and our goal is to expand this company step-by-step, customer by customer. This expansion is market driven and we remain committed to servicing the growing needs of our clients and their aircraft”.

He adds, “Since its inception, Premier Aviation has continued to enhance its position as an efficient, reliable, cost effective and client-oriented MRO. This approach has delivered an ever-expanding customer base and a strong reputation. Consistent with our business plan, we remain committed to measured and incremental growth at our facility in Windsor”.

“We’re pleased to welcome Premier Aviation to Windsor,” said Mayor Eddie Francis. “This investment not only establishes Windsor as a major player in the growing aerospace sector, it also represents more progress in our diversification efforts to make this region the destination of choice for future investors.”

In a public statement earlier this week, the Mayor of Trois-Rivieres, Yves Levesque underscored his support for Premier Aviation and its future services in Windsor saying “Premier’s growth outside Quebec is a good thing which brings greater visibility and greater potential for the expertise which exists in Trois-Rivieres”. He went on to praise Premier “as an important and major player in the aviation industry.....”

The agreement between the City of Windsor and Premier calls for construction of a new 143,000 Sq. Ft. hangar to commence in early 2011 and targeted for completion and operation in the first quarter of 2012.

Premier expects to create approximately two hundred (200) jobs in the first two years and growing to three hundred (300) jobs over the next seven (7) years

### **About Premier Aviation**

Premier Aviation is a private aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Services Company owned and operated by Ronnie Di Bartolo with its head office in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec. Since its inception in 2002 the company has maintained a steady growth of clients and services. Additional information is available via Premier’s website at [www.premieraviation.ca](http://www.premieraviation.ca)