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Castleberry earns EASA Part 145 approval.

Austin, TX – June 1, 2006 -- Castleberry Instruments & Avionics has received Part 145 approval from the European Aviation Safety Agency under the terms of the current Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) and Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP). This certification endorses Castleberry's standard of excellence for maintenance and overhaul of aircraft products throughout the European Union.

The European Aviation Safety Agency is the centerpiece of the European Union's strategy for aviation safety. Its mission is to promote the highest common standards of safety and environmental protection in civil aviation.

As air traffic continues to grow a common initiative is needed towards a single European aviation market to keep air transport safe and sustainable. Based in Cologne, Germany, the European Aviation Safety Agency became operational in 2003 as an independent EU body under European law. While national authorities continue to carry out the majority of operational tasks - such as certification of individual aircraft or licensing of pilots - the Agency develops common safety and environmental rules at the European level.

EASA is developing close working relationships with counterpart organizations across the world including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the United States and the aviation authorities of Canada, Brazil, Israel, China and Russia. Working arrangements between the Agency and these organizations are aimed at harmonizing standards and promoting best practice in aviation safety world-wide.

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Today, Castleberry brings the worldwide general aviation market a line of flight instruments enabling aircraft owners to replace older, obsolete components with new, efficient and economically priced units. These components are available for many single engine and light twin, fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. The company produces a diverse line of FAA approved instruments that are TSO'd to replace many products that are no longer available from the original manufacturer and that are increasingly difficult to repair or overhaul due to their age and lack of repair parts.

Castleberry components feature vacuum and electric panel mounted flight instruments, including directional gyros, gyro horizons and flight directors. Electrical inputs are available for 14 or 28 VDC and 115 VAC / 400 Cycles. Many models have special features such as flight directors and signal outputs to interface with many autopilots, radars or other avionics systems.

These new units replace many previously popular lines of components, including those previously manufactured by AIM, Century Flight and Bendix. Castleberry units fit the same panel cut out, use the same mating connectors and perform the same function as gyros of previous manufacturers. Installation of these units is straight forward.

Castleberry Instruments and Avionics is an Austin, Texas manufacturer and repair facility of aircraft flight instruments and electronic components for the General Aviation and Corporate Aircraft industry. With more than 30 years in the industry, repair and overhaul services of gyroscopic aircraft instruments is a specialty.

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