



## **KELLSTROM DEFENSE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW TROSPER AS PRESIDENT FOR THE MRO OPERATING SEGMENT**

MIRAMAR, FL, April 18, 2017 – Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. (“KDA”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Trospen as President for the Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) operating segment. Mr. Trospen will be responsible for the overall leadership of the global repair and overhaul business, refining the segment strategy, leading the business team, managing all OEM and partner relationships, and owning global repair operations. He will be based in Miramar, Florida and will report directly to KDA’s CEO, Chris Celtruda.

In announcing the appointment, Chris Celtruda, the group CEO comments, “Growing our Kellstrom Repair Services sales and capabilities remains integral to our strategy of being a total solutions provider of aftermarket support. I look forward to Andy engaging with our customers and the MRO operating team to deploy the Kellstrom Defense Advantage”

Mr. Trospen comes to Kellstrom Defense with a broad range of aerospace aftermarket experience. He most recently was engaged as the Executive Vice President for Business Development and Program Management with Aerospace Products International in Memphis, Tennessee. Prior to that engagement he served in several key leadership roles with Honeywell in the Commercial and Defense Aerospace markets; including Director of Asia Pacific and Program Support; Director of Military Aircraft Sustainment Programs; General Manager MRO, Military APU and Components MRO Leader; Director, U.S. Air Force (USAF) Programs

Mr. Trospen holds a B.S. in Economics and an MBA in International Business from Arizona State University. He is also certified as a Leadership Six Sigma Plus Black Belt.

### **About Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc.:**

Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. (“KDA”) is a global provider for the sustainment of legacy defense aircraft through OEM sanctioned distribution, component MRO, and engineering and manufacturing solutions for the C-130, F-16, F-5/T-38, F-18, P-3, Boeing 707 defense derivative aircraft, and multiple rotary-wing platforms. With operations in Camarillo, CA; Miramar, FL; Macon, GA; Cambridge, UK; Windsor, AU; and Singapore, the KDA team provides support to the United States military and over 60 partnering nations. KDA is committed to compliance, with hundreds of active export licenses and dedicated contract, export, and security personnel. The Kellstrom Advantage is being the respected global leader for defense aircraft sustainment, deploying an experienced team and complete capabilities to solve customer challenges. Further information is available at: [www.kellstromdefense.com](http://www.kellstromdefense.com).

### **About Kellstrom Repair Services:**

Kellstrom Repair Services, Inc. (“KRS”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. (“KDA”), specializes in providing Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (“MRO”) and sustainment solutions for legacy military aircraft and rotor wing platforms worldwide. KRS is a Honeywell and AMETEK Authorized Repair Station specializing in the repair and overhaul of Auxiliary Power Units, Engine Driven Compressors, and a full range of mechanical, electro-mechanical, instrument, pneumatic and fuel system components. KRS also specializes in the repair and overhaul of Accessory Class III components, Instrument Class I, II, III and IV avionics, and landing gear systems. KRS Repair Management leverages KRS in-house repair capabilities and a network of FAA & EASA authorized facilities to provide value added MRO solutions for both OEMs and end user customer. Further information is available at: [www.kellstromdefense.com/mro](http://www.kellstromdefense.com/mro).

### **About PNC Equity, Barings, and Dubin Clark & Company:**

KDA is backed by equity syndicated by Dubin Clark & Company, Barings, and PNC Equity. This partnership provides equity capital to fuel the growth of the company portfolio. These respected firms have a history of purchasing and cultivating businesses into growing and profitable enterprises. The current management team works closely with this investment team to chart the future of the business and improve overall performance. Further information is available at: [www.dubinclark.com](http://www.dubinclark.com).

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