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### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT JABIRU AIRCRAFT AUSTRALIA

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Jabiru Co-Founder Rod Stiff and daughter, Managing Director, Sue Woods have had retirement in mind for several years. This required them to seek a person with excellent “our segment of aviation” experience, combined with outstanding business acumen: to carry the torch forward and grow the Jabiru legacy. They found that very person in Michael Halloran.

Scott Severen, the importer to the Americas for Jabiru Aircraft Pty Ltd of Australia reports “This is an exciting move for all parties involved. Rod and Sue have put their ingenuity, hearts, blood sweat and tears into this company. They will stay on for a year or two to ensure business continuity. Jabiru has survived and flourished for over 35 years. Michael knows the company and brings a wealth of talent and expertise which assures continued growth and new development for the Company and product line.”

Michael ‘Mick’ Halloran has been involved in aviation all his career – in the early 1990’s he was the inhouse engineer at Seabird: designer, analyst, proto-typer, test engineer and regulator wrangler all in one. Mick noted “It’s the best job I ever had.”

As a side gig, he worked with Jabiru, formally weighing their VH registered Jabs, writing flight manuals, prepared TCDS’ and did some process engineering.

After working with Seabird (Part 23 in Australia and the USA), Mick then ventured into the big corporate world and spent time at RMIT, British Aerospace, GKN and Lockheed Martin, working throughout the USA, Europe and down under, on everything from the original design of the Joint Strike Fighter to complex ground systems being rushed into operations.

For the last decade, Mick built a business in Australia called Supacat that specializes in the design, development and supply of defense and peacekeeping equipment to operate in harsh environments. Mick commented “I remain focused on what’s really important and it comes

down to two things: The capability to successfully complete the mission and to get everyone home safely. “

“With regard to getting home safely, to my mind there are six elements to an all-encompassing safety model for Jabiru, incorporating: design, manufacture, crew proficiency, maintenance, shared knowledge and regulation. Jabiru is one of the great Australian success stories, my job is to eventually leave it better than I found it, which is no small challenge given what Rod, Sue and the team have achieved. I am looking forward to meeting all of the good people who are the owners, pilots and service providers of Jabiru.”

Jabiru Aircraft Pty Ltd is an innovative, entrepreneurial company whose mission is to develop and enhance affordable flying across the planet. It is a privately owned Australian company exporting Australian technology to the world.

US Sport Planes is the exclusive importer for Jabiru to North America, located near Dallas/Ft Worth, Texas, at Denton Enterprise Airport, KDTO, 20 NM north of DFW airport. For more information, Contact Scott Severen at [Scott@USSportPlanes.com](mailto:Scott@USSportPlanes.com) 940-597-6860. Media photos available here: [ussportplanes.com/press](http://ussportplanes.com/press)