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## **Horton Selected as New President of Heli-Dyne Systems**

*New Focus, Realignment to Lead to Growth for Affiliate of CJ Systems Aviation Group*

**Pittsburgh (March 8, 2004)** – CJ Systems Aviation Group announces the selection of David R. Horton as president of Heli-Dyne Systems (HDS), the company's Hurst, Texas-based affiliate. With responsibility for all operational and financial performance of HDS, Horton will report to CJ Systems president and COO Larry Pietropaulo following a recent restructuring of HDS under both companies' parent FSS Airholdings Inc.

"We were looking for somebody with valuable experience, a lot of energy, and a strong entrepreneurial spirit," says Pietropaulo. "David really has all of those qualities, as well as a solid reputation within our industry." Horton will begin work as HDS president on March 8.

Horton's experience in the aviation industry spans more than two decades and includes a comprehensive mix of management, manufacturing, sales, engineering and customer service. Prominent positions at two of the helicopter industry's leading manufacturers (Bell Helicopter and American Eurocopter) have provided substantive qualifications for Horton's new position as HDS president. Additionally, he spent several years running his own aircraft maintenance/flight school business.

"I'll bring [to HDS] a lot of direct, hands-on experience in leveraging a business to make it profitable. I've learned to provide good service and demand a quality product," Horton says. "Those are the kinds of things I strive for." Holding a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Texas Tech University, Horton will be completing his MBA at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University of Forth Worth in early summer. He also holds an FAA certification for inspection authorization, an airframe and powerplant license, and is skilled as a private pilot. These varied levels of expertise played a primary role in Horton's executive appointment, according to Pietropaulo.

"He really knows the technical side of our business, and he's got strong leadership qualities. He's engaging and hard-working, and I think he'll provide a lot of motivation to the employees of Heli-Dyne."

For more than 25 years, HDS has been recognized internationally as a comprehensive helicopter support facility, and the future will see both a closer realignment of HDS and CJ Systems, as well as a stronger focus on Heli-Dyne's external business base. As HDS sets these goals to refocus and realign into motion, Pietropaulo anticipates a new sense of energy for both companies that will lead to critical growth.

"We'll utilize the best efforts of what CJ Systems and Heli-Dyne do, and I look forward to seeing David help them do it better and more efficiently," he says. "We feel very fortunate to have someone with his skills and talents coming to work for us."

#### **About CJ Systems Aviation Group, Inc.**

Founded in 1969, CJ Systems Aviation Group, Inc., an FSS Airholdings Inc. company, is one of the nation's preeminent air medical services operators of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. The company has more than 700 employees and a fleet of over 100 aircraft. It manages air medical services at 70 base site facilities serving hospitals and communities nationwide.

**About Heli-Dyne Systems, Inc.**

Heli-Dyne Systems, Inc. specializes in high-quality engineering and systems integration for helicopter applications such as air medical, special mission and executive transport. Among the top ten installation facilities worldwide, Heli-Dyne provides maintenance on airframes, engines and avionics, and has served a national and global client base for more than 25 years. Heli-Dyne Systems is an affiliate of CJ Systems Aviation Group.

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