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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FAA STC Received for Hemisphere 200XR Auxiliary Fuel System**

Redmond, WA (June 15, 2009) – Tailwind Capital LLC and Global Principal Finance Co., LLC are pleased to announce that their completion partner, PATS Aircraft LLC, has received US FAA Supplemental Type Certification for the **Hemisphere 200XR** auxiliary fuel system. The auxiliary fuel system meets all federal aviation regulations, including SFAR 88.

Based on the venerable CRJ-200 platform, the **Hemisphere 200XR** is a conversion program in cooperation with Georgetown, Delaware-based completion specialists PATS Aircraft. The **Hemisphere 200XR** project was developed jointly in 2006 by Tailwind and its investment partner, Global Principal Finance Co. LLC. The first **Hemisphere 200XR** will be delivered later this month, with additional aircraft available in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of this year.

The **Hemisphere 200XR** is an ultra-large cabin, highly customizable private jet that offers a unique combination of affordability, timely delivery and the highest standards of luxury. The aircraft is expertly converted from well-maintained, low-time Bombardier CRJ-200 aircraft. Each **Hemisphere 200XR** features a comprehensive avionics suite, an exceptional service record and is current on inspections and airworthiness directives. Additionally, the PATS auxiliary fuel system allows for a range of up to 3,000 nm.

“In these challenging economic times, the **Hemisphere 200XR** represents a compelling proposition, combining a luxurious, well-appointed, personalized large cabin aircraft, at a price tag that is far less than you might imagine,” said Joel Hussey, President of Tailwind Capital. “More importantly, our first customer will take European delivery of the first **Hemisphere 200XR** this month, making it the first of its kind to enter the European market. As exclusive marketers for the aircraft, Tailwind expects to have a total of three aircraft converted in 2009.”

Customers taking advantage of 2010 delivery positions will have the ability to customize their aircraft and take delivery within 10 months\*. The baseline **Hemisphere 200XR** offers a 15-passenger layout with customer-selected interior finishes, the PATS fuel system and new, custom exterior livery.



### About Tailwind Capital, LLC

Redmond, WA based Tailwind Capital was established in 2000 to focus on investment in aircraft, airlines and aviation-related assets. Tailwind has broad capabilities and a successful track record in aircraft trading, financing, leasing, re-marketing, and conversions.

For more information on Tailwind, please visit [www.tailwindcapital.net](http://www.tailwindcapital.net)

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PATS is a DeCrane Aerospace company based in Georgetown, Del. CRJ-200 is trademark of Bombardier, Inc.

\*Delivery timing is based on our baseline Hemisphere 200XR aircraft – timing can vary due to additional customer options

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