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**THE CARLYLE GROUP ACQUIRES A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN
STELLEX AEROSTRUCTURES, INC.**

Stellex Aerostructures, Inc., and The Carlyle Group announced today that The Carlyle Group, a global private investment firm with headquarters in Washington DC, has successfully completed a tender offer for a majority of the company's common stock. As a result, a Carlyle affiliate owns a controlling stake in the company. Stellex Aerostructures, Inc. will continue to operate as a privately held, stand-alone company and the existing management team will remain in place.

Mr. Raymond Whiteman, a Managing Director of The Carlyle Group stated: "We look forward to working with Ray Benvenuti and his management team and to providing Stellex with the resources to further position the company as a world-class supplier to its customers and partners globally."

Mr. Raynard Benvenuti, President and CEO of Stellex Aerostructures, Inc. commented: "We are delighted that The Carlyle Group has become the lead investor in Stellex. As our partner, their aerospace experience and investment resources will allow Stellex to aggressively grow the business through new aircraft programs, joint ventures, and acquisitions."

Stellex Aerostructures is a leading provider of highly engineered subsystems and components for the aerospace and defense industries. Stellex Aerostructures operates four divisions: Stellex Monitor Aerospace, Inc., Stellex Precision Machining, Inc., Stellex Bandy Machining, Inc., and General Inspection Laboratories, Inc. Monitor and Precision Machining are leaders in the manufacturing of large complex machined parts and structural sub-assemblies for the aerospace industry. Bandy Machining provides precision aircraft hinges and other structural components for the aerospace and space industries.

General Inspection Laboratories provides non-destructive testing services to aerospace component manufactures in the Southern California region.

Readers should be aware that the foregoing paragraphs may contain forward-looking statements regarding Stellex management's expectations for future operations and related results, which forward-looking statements may not be realized. Furthermore, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, each of which speaks only as of the date made. Several important factors could cause Stellex's actual results of operations to differ materially from those expressed in the foregoing forward-looking statements, including fluctuations in worldwide prices and demand for its products, fluctuations in the demand for its services and the existence of competitors, technological changes and developments in the aerostructures industry. Moreover, Stellex is directly affected by national and international economic and political conditions in the aerospace and defense industries and believes that changes in any of the following areas could have a material adverse effect on its future financial position or results of operations: unanticipated impact on aircraft build rates from potential further reductions in air travel or from the effects of potential military or terrorist activities; competitive pressures resulting in price reductions on current products or the inability to invest reasonable levels of capital for new machining technology and equipment; changes in certain customer relationships; financial difficulties being experienced by some of Stellex's customers in the commercial aviation business which may not be temporary in nature; the successful execution of internal performance plans, acquisitions and other productivity improvement efforts; the timing and extent of any commercial aviation recovery and its effect on overall production, as well as the impact on production or production rates for specific commercial aircraft; changing priorities or reductions in domestic or foreign government defense budgets; and termination of certain production contracts for convenience of the customer.