

Aviation Partners Upgrades Winglets for the Hawker 800 Series Incorporating its New Scimitar Tip Technology

Atlanta, Georgia. October 18, 2010 – Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) announced today a new Blended Winglet design for the Hawker 800 Series incorporating its revolutionary new scimitar tip technology. The scimitar tip is a change to the aerodynamic shape of the existing Blended Winglet which provides an additional half a percent drag reduction over the existing 7.3 percent at Long Range Cruise. In addition the design will provide a striking new aesthetic to further separate the Blended Winglet from other winglets available on business jet models.

“The Hawker 800 series retrofit has been our most successful business jet Blended Winglet program to date, with unit sales surpassing those of the Gulfstream II a year or so ago.” Said Gary Dunn, API Vice President of Sales, **“We don’t rest on our laurels, and this change to the existing STC is yet one more example of API continuing to grow our technology and provide ever better performance, fuel savings and aesthetics.”**

The Hawker 800 series is the first business jet to receive this new scimitar tip technology. A Winglet with the scimitar tip technology is on display at API’s booth in Atlanta, and actual deliveries are expected to begin in late 2010. API is currently exploring the feasibility of offering the scimitar tip as an upgrade for existing Hawker 800 series Blended Winglet customers.

“Anytime you can improve the productivity and performance of an existing asset, while making it more eco-friendly, is a wise investment.” Said Joe Clark, API founder and CEO, **“We are doing our part in a changing world.”**

Blended Winglets can currently be retrofitted to the Hawker 800 and 800XP as an FAA and EASA approved STC. Installation is carried out through API’s network of authorized installers in North America and throughout the world. To learn more, or to schedule a delivery position, visit API during the NBAA Convention in Atlanta at booth 4508.

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Seattle, Washington based Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) is the world leader in advanced Winglet technology. API’s patented Performance Enhancing Blended Winglets have been designed and certified for a number of commercial and business aircraft; applications include Boeing, Falcon, Hawker and Gulfstream airframes. Over 4,000 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 2.3 billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO₂ emissions by over 24.7 million tons. Additional airframe programs are in-development for existing Blended Winglet technology, and future Winglet designs will lead to greater incremental improvements in performance, fuel savings and emissions reduction. To learn more about Blended Winglets go to www.aviationpartners.com. (* patent #5348253)

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