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AIRCRAFT PRODUCT SUPPORT DIVISION

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### **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc., Announces New MU-2 Training Program *Long-Awaited Program Puts Safety as First Priority***

**ADDISON, TEXAS, OCTOBER 10, 2006** — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc., Aircraft Product Support Division (MHIA) General Manager, Noel Takayama, announced the implementation of a new MU-2 Training Program.

The FAA completed its Safety Review of the MU-2 aircraft and concluded the MU-2 is properly certified and no changes to the MU-2 itself were needed. At the request of the FAA, MHIA worked with the Flight Standardization Board to develop a standardized pilot training program which includes a standardized checklist.

The new Training Program is now available through SimCom International of Orlando, Florida; Howell Enterprises of Smyrna, Tennessee; and Professional Flight Training of Salina, Kansas.

The program encompasses standardization of training for initial and re-current events. It includes standardization of classroom and flight activities, as well as simulator training which is provided by SimCom.

“All MU-2 pilots must initially complete a re-qualification training course and remain current in the aircraft. MHIA is pleased to have participated with the FAA in developing mandated training which will undoubtedly make MU-2 operation safer. MHIA has been asking for mandated training for the last 15 years,” said Takayama.

The FAA has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to establish an SFAR as the mechanism to mandate the training. The FAA will be accepting comments from the public during the NPRM period through October 30, 2006. The SFAR is expected to be finalized by year-end.



MHIA's Aircraft Product Support Division provides ongoing support including parts, publications, service engineering, etc. for approximately 400 MU-2 aircraft in service outside of Japan. Approximately 324 MU-2 aircraft are operating in North America.

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