

## **San Joaquin Helicopters Expands Fleet With New K-MAX for Firefighting and Construction**

Bloomfield, Conn., June 1, 2004 -- Kaman Aerospace Corp. today announced that San Joaquin Helicopters, of Delano, California, has taken delivery of a K-MAX<sup>®</sup> helicopter.

“San Joaquin Helicopters is very pleased and excited to add the K-MAX to our existing fleet of 14 light and medium helicopters. The heavy lift K-MAX, with its proven track record and superior performance, will greatly enhance our capabilities in helicopter fire fighting and construction lift,” said Jim Josephson, President, San Joaquin Helicopters. “We became sold on the K-MAX as we saw it operate alongside our medium aircraft on fire fighting contracts; it always was the aircraft most in demand due to its lift capability at high altitudes and its ability to fly extended hours each day with low maintenance down time. With the K-MAX, we now can offer a full range of fire fighting and lift options to our customers,” said Josephson.

“San Joaquin Helicopters has an excellent reputation and is well respected. Their selection of the K-MAX reflects the industry’s confidence in the aircraft and its unique capabilities,” said Roger Wassmuth, director K-MAX marketing and business development for Kaman Aerospace.

K-MAX is specifically designed for vertical reference flight, an important feature for external load work. It has a 5,000-pound (2268 kg) on-the-hook lift capacity at 8,000 feet of altitude (2446 meters) and 6,000 pounds (2722 kg) on-the-hook at lower altitudes.

Kaman Aerospace Corp. is a subsidiary of Kaman Corp. (NASDAQ:KAMNA) of Bloomfield, Conn. In addition to K-MAX, the company also manufactures the SH-2G Super Seasprite maritime helicopter, and is a subcontractor for aircraft structures and components, including applications on most current Boeing commercial airliners and the C-17 transport. The company also manufactures safe, arm and fuzing devices for missiles and bombs, rugged environment mass memory systems, precision measuring devices and electro-optic systems.



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