

Grizzly Mountain Aviation Takes Delivery of Second K-MAX Helicopter; Moves into Fire Fighting and Power Line Construction

Bloomfield, Conn., July 22, 2004 -- Kaman Aerospace Corp. today announced that Grizzly Mountain Aviation, of Prineville, Ore., has taken delivery of a second K-MAX helicopter for logging, fire fighting and power line construction. The aircraft is en route to Ontario, Canada, where it will support a large power line project before heading home to the Pacific Northwest.

"The addition of a second K-MAX to our fleet will significantly increase our logging and fire-fighting capabilities," said Mark Stafford, president of Grizzly Mountain Aviation. "Our K-MAX has been very reliable, flying some 2,000 hours annually in support of our year-round logging operations. We are excited about expanding our business and taking on new projects," said Stafford.

"We are pleased to have Grizzly Mountain expand their fleet with another K-MAX," said Roger Wassmuth, director of K-MAX marketing and business development for Kaman Aerospace. "The additional K-MAX will enable them to handle an increasing workload and move into new markets such as power line construction."



Wassmuth added that operators have taken note of the K-MAX's success in fighting fires across the United States in recent months. "The K-MAX can be used effectively to thin the forest, thereby reducing the dangerous fuels and also to fight fires when and where they occur, especially in hot and high conditions. These are both important to protecting homes and forests."

The K-MAX fleet has accumulated more than 150,000 flight hours since the aircraft was certified in 1994.

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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