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AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL – NORTH AMERICA HONORS BOB HOPE AIRPORT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LEEDS Platinum-Certified Hangar 25 Built by Shangri-La Industries and Avjet Corp. Garners Recognition in Environmental Management Category

BURBANK, Calif., August 24, 2009 – Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA), whose members include over 400 airports that accommodate over 95 percent of the passenger and cargo traffic in North America, has announced that Bob Hope Airport will receive its 2009 Environmental Achievement Award for Environmental Management at its annual conference in Austin, TX in October.

The award recognizes Hangar 25, the world's first aviation facility certified Platinum by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Hangar 25 was unveiled by its development team of Shangri-La Development and Shangri-La Construction and operating partner Avjet Corporation in December 2008. The 62,000 square foot facility was constructed to house private aircraft ranging in size from small corporate jets to a Boeing 757-200, as well as their maintenance crews and staff. The motivation behind Hangar 25 came from the desire to

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offset the aircraft carbon emissions by using renewable solar energy to power the facility and its ground operations.

“Airports have many innovative programs designed to address the environmental impact of their operations,” said Greg Principato, ACI-NA President. “The ACI-NA Environmental Achievement Awards recognize those airports that set an example for the industry by going above and beyond regulatory compliance standards to protect and preserve the environment. The 2009 winners demonstrate outstanding qualities that illustrate the mission of this award.”

“When Avjet and Shangrila first approached the Airport Authority about this project, we were very excited at the prospect of having such an innovative facility at Bob Hope Airport. It exemplifies the Airport’s commitment to sustainability over the long term while adding to the diversity of the business base of the Airport and our community,” said Authority President Joyce Streator.

The list of environmentally sustainable features of Hangar 25 includes:

- Solar panel array that produces 110 percent of the building’s operational electricity needs
- Daylight harvesting through strategic design, including a diamond-polished concrete floor that reflects light
- Long life of the diamond-polished concrete floor that allows avoidance of toxic sealants that require regular reapplication and maintenance
- A water-based hi-fog fire suppression system that eliminates toxic and ozone depleting chemicals that require storage infrastructure, regular replacement, and, if deployed, damage aircraft and require hazmat cleanup

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- Large fans and evaporative coolers to eliminate need for refrigerant-based cooling
- Plumbing that reduces water use 60 percent through low-flush, low flow and waterless fixtures
- Sustainable landscaping, including the use of drought-tolerant native plants and a no-mow, no-water synthetic lawn

Hangar 25 gained international visibility August 5 when the aircraft carrying former President Bill Clinton and freed U.S. journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee landed at Bob Hope Airport on return from North Korea and entered the hangar, where Ling and Lee first touched American soil.