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## **Hampson to supply empennage for HondaJet**

Hampson Industries PLC (“Hampson”), the international aerospace and precision engineering group, has been awarded a contract to manufacture and supply the complete empennage structural sub-assembly to Honda Aircraft Company, Inc., for its new HondaJet advanced light jet.

The HondaJet is to be produced at Honda Aircraft Company's new custom-built facilities in Greensboro, North Carolina, USA, that are currently in the construction phase. First deliveries of the US\$3.65 million HondaJet are scheduled for 2010.

The contract award covers both the pre-production and production phases of Honda Aircraft Company's first-ever aerospace programme. Hampson now joins a select group of major suppliers to the programme.

Under the contract, Hampson will manufacture detailed parts in its Wigan, UK, facility and deliver fully integrated sub-assemblies from its facility in Grand Prairie, Texas, USA. These facilities already specialise in the manufacture and supply of structural empennage sub-assemblies for the latest generation of advanced light aircraft.

Commenting on the award, Chief Executive Kim Ward said:

“The HondaJet will set new standards for performance and comfort in its price range and its launch marks the ground-breaking development of another significant market segment for commercial light jet aviation. We are delighted to have secured this major contract and to have the opportunity to partner with Honda, a group renowned for world-class engineering excellence, on their pioneering light jet programme.”

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### **About Hampson:**

Hampson Industries PLC is listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange (Symbol: HAMP). The Group's operations are structured into three segments, operating from 14 manufacturing facilities spanning three continents. Through its international operations, the Group provides leading-edge, fully-integrated engineering and manufacturing solutions for:

- Advanced aero structural components and assemblies
- Performance-critical components for gas turbine engines
- Close tolerance components & rotating assemblies for automotive turbochargers
- Precision tooling systems for large, composite aero structures

Approximately 85% of the Group's sales are derived from its aerospace activities, the balance from the specialist automotive markets.

The Hampson group employs over 1,700 people worldwide. For more information on Hampson: [www.hampsongroup.com](http://www.hampsongroup.com)

**About Honda Aircraft Company, Inc., and HondaJet:**

Greensboro, North Carolina-based, Honda Aircraft Company, Inc., is responsible for the continued development, certification and production of HondaJet, as well as all marketing, sales and service support.

HondaJet, Honda's first-ever commercial aircraft, lives up to the Company's reputation for superior fuel efficiency, delivering far better cruising fuel efficiency than comparable jets, along with a class-topping cruise speed of 420 knots (483 mph) and a more spacious cabin with room for up to eight people. All major assembly and testing of the prototype HondaJet has been conducted at the company's existing Greensboro facility, which opened in 2001 as an extension of Honda's global R&D operations.

The decision to commercialize HondaJet was announced in July 2006, followed by the August 4, 2006, establishment of Honda Aircraft Company, Inc. The company has received more than 100 customer orders for the \$3.65 million HondaJet since its sales launch on October 17, 2006. The HondaJet production facility will become Honda's fourteenth major manufacturing plant in North America, including four currently under construction.