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Stan Smith joins Guardian Jet, LLC as Director of Flight Operations on Oct. 1, 2002

New position responsible for transition training, and added value services such as the Guardian Standards Program targeted for the owner-pilot light jet market

GUILFORD, Conn. (October 3, 2002) – Guardian Jet, LLC, a Connecticut-based company specializing in consulting, oversight and brokerage for the owner-flown light jet market is pleased to announce the appointment of Stan Smith as Director of Flight Operations.

“My mission is to make life for the single pilot turbine operator safer, more cost-efficient, and not to mention more fun,” said Smith. “The vision of Guardian Jet founder and president Mike Dwyer is to add customer value to the traditional airplane brokerage company by supplementing brokerage services with a package of valued services that are required to own and operate a small turbine airplane,” Smith added. The addition of a Director of Flight Operations is the most recent and telling tale of that commitment.

“Stan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our customers at a fraction of the cost of a full-time flight department,” said Dwyer. Since the owner-pilot rarely needs all the aspects of a full fledged flight department, Guardian Jet has positioned itself to offer all of those pieces on an as needed basis. To that end, Guardian Jet’s in-house flight department offers an assortment of pilot services that include transition training, the “Guardian Standards Program”, pilots on a per diem basis, maintenance oversight, technical assistance, ferry operations, and flight department development.

Smith comes to Guardian Jet following a one year active duty tour as a C-5 instructor pilot in the United State Air Force. Previously, Smith was the Director of Flight Operations for a

single pilot, Part 91 operator, in the Boston area flying a CitationJet, Citation Bravo, Beechcraft Baron and Beechcraft Bonanza as the owner grew through the various airframes. “I came to appreciate the great flexibility and enjoyment that a single pilot operation offers. However, there were times that you felt like you were on an island,” said Smith. “We want to be a resource for that owner or operator who at times shared my same feeling and needs some help or simply a question answered,” added Smith.

Smith has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. He began his flying career in 1983 in the USAF and has commanded the T-37, B-52H, C-12 (King Air 200), and the C-5. In addition, he has flown as a flight engineer, first officer and captain for FAA Part 121 carriers. As an ATP, CFII, and MEI, Smith has logged over 8,000 hours and holds type-ratings in the CE-525(S), CE-550, B-737, SA-227, and EMB-120.

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