Aircelle to supply thrust reversers for new Cessna Citation Longitude business jet

NBAA, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 17, 2015 – The proven PERT® thrust reverser from Aircelle (Safran) has been selected by Cessna Aircraft Company, a subsidiary of Textron Aviation Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE:TXT) company, to equip the new Citation Longitude super-midsize business jet.

Aircelle will have a direct supplier role to the U.S. aircraft manufacturer for these thrust reversers, which are to equip the Longitude’s two Honeywell HTF7700L turbofan engines.

"With the selection of PERT, Cessna’s Longitude will benefit from a mature and proven design, as well as Aircelle’s extensive expertise in developing, manufacturing and building thrust reversers for business jets," said Aircelle Chief Executive Officer Jean-Paul Alary. "The win also confirms our leadership position in this sector, along with our capability to deliver the most optimal solutions for the market."

The patented PERT (Planar Exit Rear Target) thrust reverser features two blocker doors that serve as the engine’s exhaust exit during flight, and are deployed on landing for the reverse thrust function. This concept combines thrust reverser effectiveness with an optimized weight.

Aircelle produces the PERT thrust reverser for numerous aircraft applications, with more than 1,200 delivered to date.

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About Aircelle

Aircelle is the second largest nacelle systems provider worldwide, and the leader globally for nacelles on top-of-the-line business jets. A subsidiary of Safran, it employs 3,800 people at eight sites in France, the United Kingdom, the United States and Morocco. Aircelle provides nacelle systems for all the market segments, from regional and business aircraft to the largest airliners. Aircelle also is developing the worldwide customer support and service activity for nacelles and their components.