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ASTRAL AVIATION ORDERS THREE AEI MD83SF 12 PALLET CONVERSIONS

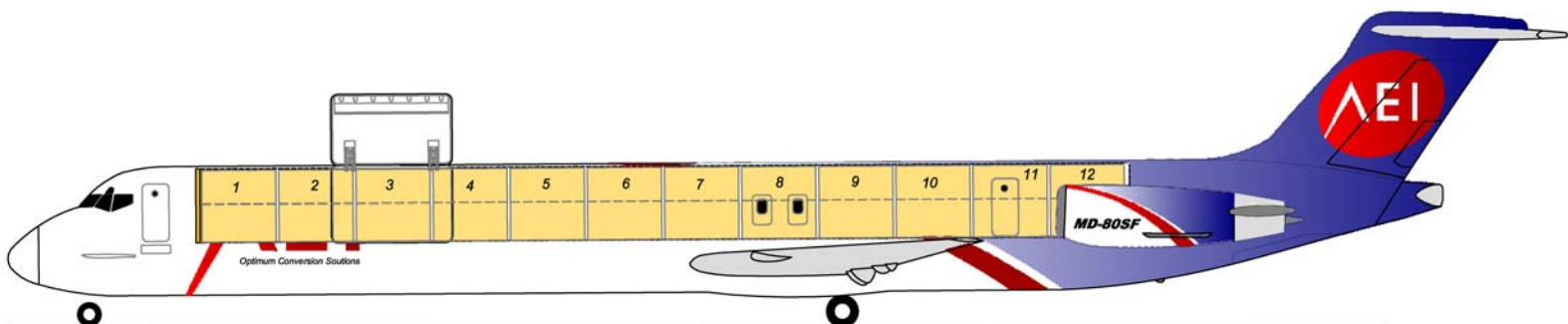
MIAMI, FL., --June 4, 2013-- Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI), is pleased to announce that it has been selected by Astral Aviation of Nairobi, Kenya to provide one firm and two optional MD83SF 12 Pallet Configuration conversions. The aircraft will all be high gross weight MD83's with auxiliary fuel tanks which will allow for a 2600 nm range. The modifications will commence in August of 2013 at AEI's Authorized Conversion Center, Commercial Jet.

Mr. Robert T. Convey, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for AEI stated that "Astral showed early interest in our MD80SF program which is now in full production. This MD80SF order represents the first on the African continent which is showing great interest in the freighter type." He goes onto say "AEI is forecasting a demand for 25+ MD80SF freighters on the continent over the next five years."

AEI's MD83SF shall provide Astral with an Ancra CLS capable of carrying multiple ULD's including:

- (12) 88"x108" containers/pallets, P1 to P12 or
- (8) 125"x88" pallets, P1 to P8 or
- (8) 125"x96" pallets, P1 to P8

This unique flexibility has been designed by AEI to allow the operator to immediately adapt to multiple ULD configurations at a moment's notice. When combined with proven reliability, the AEI Converted MD83SF will allow Astral to keep their aircraft where they belong "In the air, generating revenue".





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About AEI

Formed in 1958, Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is the oldest conversion company in existence today. For more than 55 years AEI has provided advanced engineering solutions to aircraft owners and operators. Today the company is a global leader in passenger to freighter conversions for a wide array of aircraft, helping customers extend the life of the aircraft and increase the value of their asset. AEI has developed over 120 Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs) and 375 aircraft have been modified with AEI STCs – more than any other conversion provider.

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About Astral Aviation

Astral Aviation is a licensed cargo airline that acquired its Air Operators Certificate (AoC) and Air Service License (ASL) from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority in the year 2001. Astral Aviation was subsequently designated by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kenya in November 2006. Astral Aviation is located at the Cargo Village at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and the main objects of the company are the provision of reliable and cost-effective air-freight solutions which are marketed under the concept of "African Freight Solutions". Astral operates a fleet of DC9 Freighter and Cessna Caravan aircrafts out of its hub at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and which is located in Nairobi, Kenya. Astral also operates additional aircrafts notably the Fokker 27, HS 748, B727 and DC8 Freighters. Within its intra-African network, which encompasses 50 destinations, Astral operates a combination of scheduled and adhoc charters along with value-added leasing services. Its interline agreements with over 20 Interline Partners; along with preferential agreements with the leading global and local freight forwarders; and partnerships with over 25 global GSA's facilitate the consolidation and transshipment of in-bound cargoes at the freighter-friendly Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

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About Commercial Jet

Commercial Jet specializes in heavy maintenance and modification services, complete airframe inspections, freighter conversions, interior modifications and avionics upgrade programs. Commercial Jet also offer lease return services, refitting passenger and cargo aircraft for return to market. Their professional team services a wide variety of commercial aircraft types, including B717, B727, B737, B757, B767, DC8, DC9, DC10/MD-11, MD80/90, A320 and A300.

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