



Top Flight Technologies focused on Cost Effective Advanced Technology UAVs for Growing Commercial Applications

Born out of Engineering, Aviation, Aerospace, Software Development Management and Technology Advisor Expertise from MIT, Draper Laboratory, Georgia Tech and the FAA, Top Flight Technologies to advance cost-effective commercial UAV market solutions

Boston, MA – May 13, 2014 – Top Flight Technologies, Inc. (www.tflighttech.com), an innovative provider of industrial grade UAV hardware and autopilot control products for commercial markets, today announced the launch of the new company, its management and company advisors and first commercial product.

Top Flight is committed to developing high-quality, advanced capability, commercial UAV products and industry-specific solutions in a cost-effective way. Drawing on its management team, advisors and strategic partners, Top Flight immediately brings a high caliber team representing a significant cumulative number of man-years of expertise in UAV development, intelligence and safe operations to its new products.

“We are thrilled to be able to have assembled such a passionate and informed team of experts to Top Flight” said Chris Nguyen, VP/Manufacturing & Strategic Sourcing and CEO at Top Flight; and former FAA R&D Program Manager. “In a matter months we have been able to create and test new products drawing on man-years of existing UAV hardware and software field expertise, but now for commercial applications.”

Dr. Long Phan, VP/Product Strategy and President of Top Flight has assembled a team of Company technology advisors that each have contributed to key components of the UAV industry from academic research, commercial aviation, aerospace, and military applications. Company Advisors include Dr. Eric Johnson, Lockheed Martin Associate Professor of Avionics Integration at Georgia Tech and Chief Scientist of Adaptive Flight, Inc. with expertise in UAV guidance/autopilot navigation/control systems. Dr. Paul DeBitetto, Group Leader, Perception Systems in the Embedded Navigation and Sensors Systems at Draper Laboratory. Dr. William Hall, Managing Director, Commercial Applications and Services, Mosaic ATM, performing groundbreaking research in Air Traffic Management for the airlines. Dr. Sriram Krishnan, Senior Analyst with Photon Consulting, market intelligence for the solar industry, along with his manufacturing expertise in precision design, manufacturing engineering and adhesion mechanics.

“In 1996 Dr. DeBitetto was the original group leader of the MIT/Draper team that demonstrated the first fully autonomous aerial vehicle that brought us together as a working team” said Dr. Long Phan, also of that original ground-breaking MIT team. “We get it. There is enormous potential for commercialization in the UAV industry, and we can build it cost-effectively. At the same time, collectively, we realize that safe operations and smart regulations will be required to tap the full potential in the use of our new solutions.”

Also joining Top Flight’s management team is John Polo, Chief Operating Officer, former Sr. Business and IT executive from Perkin-Elmer, creator of the Hubble Space Telescope, Gartner Group, the global IT media analyst and consultancy. John has provided the business leadership for several high technology product start-ups from inception, through investment funding and exit strategies, globally.

Top Flight is pleased to announce that its first product, Airborg M4 800, a quad multirotor commercial drone with autopilot capabilities and highly flexible payload options will be available in Q3'2014 through select distribution and support partners.

About Top Flight

Top Flight Technologies is cost-effectively advancing the safety and automation of UAVs for commercial service-specific applications. Leveraging hi-tech engineering, software technology innovation and know-how from MIT, Draper Laboratory, FAA, aerospace, aviation and military applications, Top Flight is delivering new industrial grade "service class" UAV products and complete industry solutions for aerial imaging, inspection, remote sensing and live object tracking in new cost-effective ways. As an early pioneer in UAV technology research and development, Top Flight is using its modular open platform for hardware and software integration to attract other strategic vendor partnerships the propel market solutions from hardware design to data interpretation in global markets. For more information visit www.tflighttech.com.

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