



## Media Update

**Date:** March 24, 2010  
**Subject:** Kitchener Aero named authorized GAViS™ dealer for Canada!

### *For Immediate Publication*

**Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA** – Kitchener Aero Avionics (KAAV) - one of Canada's premiere avionics specialists - is pleased to announce the addition of Elbit Systems of North America and their Kollsman GAViS™ (General Aviation Vision System) to a list of premier supplier/dealer relationships.

The purpose of GAViS™ is to increase the pilot's situational awareness in low visibility conditions. The system may be used on both fixed and rotary wing aircraft, and consists of an un-cooled Infra-Red (IR) sensor, an integrated heated window assembly, and an integrated aerodynamic enclosure and electronics package. The image generated by this is provided by video to an EFB, MFD or other display mounted within the cockpit.

The GAViS™ Sensor Assembly is packaged in an aerodynamic enclosure designed to mount like an aircraft antenna on the top or bottom of the aircraft. This concept minimizes aircraft modification, requiring no additional fairing and window to be designed and purchased for installation. A mounting plate between the aircraft skin and GAViS™ may be used to tailor each aircraft installation to the GAViS™ sensor assembly.

In speaking about this authorized Canadian dealership appointment, Barry Aylward, President, Kitchener Aero said: "At Kitchener Aero, our philosophy is that *"We sell Safety, and We Sell Reliability"* We are so pleased to be chosen to represent the GAViS™ system here in Canada, because it is quite simply the best-in-category product, and **NOTHING IS SAFER THAN SEEING!** I think that Elbit and their GAViS™ system are going to have a very positive and welcomed impact on the Canadian aviation community – one we are proud and pleased to have a role in." We will be actively pursuing sales and STC development for this awesome product."

### *About Elbit and Kollsman GAViS™*

Elbit Systems of America is a leading provider of high performance products and system solutions focusing on the defense, homeland security, commercial aviation and medical instrumentation markets. Kollsman, Inc. – a division of Elbit - is a leading manufacturer of avionics and electro-optic systems and a primary provider of aviation systems and innovative technologies that have made significant safety improvements in the way pilots fly. GAViS™ is part of Kollsman's Vision-Based Cockpit™ (VBC) philosophy. The VBC philosophy is to seamlessly integrate advanced sensors, databases, and displays into a cohesive intuitive cockpit platform whereby all flights become essentially a visible VFR flight - regardless of the weather or external environment.

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### ***KAAV Background***

Kitchener Aero's focus is the corporate, commercial, and general aviation avionics markets. In the 30 plus years that KAAV has been in business, they have been responsible for many industry *firsts*. In addition to conventional avionics sales, installation, and repair, the firm has become highly regarded as Canada's *Special Missions Specialists*.

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The GAViS™ aerodynamically shaped, externally mounted unit and a sample of a typical runway approach both with and without the system's assistance. GAViS™ will greatly increase operational safety in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft, especially with the variety of challenges Canadian operations can involve.

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