Telair ``Blast Resistant'' Aircraft Baggage Container Wins ``Best of Show'' Award: International Composites Industry Group Honors Innovative Security Device

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ATLANTA, Sep 27, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Composites Fabricators Association today selected the Telair Hardened Unit Load Device (HULD), the only wide body aircraft baggage container to be certified as airworthy by the FAA, as the winner of its prestigious ACE Best of Show Pinnacle Award. The HULD was selected by a panel of industry experts and media and prevailed over 26 other technologies.

The award was given at CFA's annual trade association convention, the largest meeting of its kind. This year's meeting held in Atlanta drew over five thousand composites industry professionals, press and others. More than four hundred companies exhibited the newest composites and applications during the convention.

"The Telair HULD is the only aircraft security container to have successfully passed the FAA's blast resistance test and to be fully certified for on-board use. This innovative baggage container relies on advanced composites technologies, without which we could not meet the increased security demands of today's traveling public and the aviation industry as a whole. The ACE's Pinnacle trophy adds to the design's credibility and further demonstrates Telair's complete cargo competence and composites leadership," said Telair president, Axel Hauner.

The Pinnacle award is presented to that company developing a product determined to be superior to all others in market expansion capabilities, design, manufacturing, process innovation and the overall use of composites. "Since the Pan Am bombing, the FAA and aerospace industry have sought a practical solution to the threat of on-board terrorism by containing undetected explosives hidden in baggage or cargo. Telair is a leader in the air cargo systems field, yet without expanding our design concept through composites we could never have achieved success in passing the FAA blast resistance test...nor be awarded this prestigious recognition," he added.

The award panel consisted of ten judges, selected from media and composites professionals. This is the first time Telair, a division of Teleflex Incorporated has been selected as the ACE overall winner.

Telair is a subsidiary of Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE:TFX), a $2 billion diversified industrial company well known for providing innovative solutions to customers in the aerospace industry. In addition to its significant expertise in specialty composites, Teleflex also manufactures complex turbine engine components; repairs airfoils; and provides turbine engine services to the power generation market. Teleflex also delivers products and services to the automotive, marine, medical and industrial markets worldwide. Further information about Teleflex Incorporated and its various businesses can be obtained at www.teleflex.com.

Telair International, www.telair.com, is a single source for the design, manufacture and support of complete on-board baggage and cargo handling systems, for wide- and narrow-body aircraft. The company is committed to providing Complete Cargo Competence(TM) for original equipment manufacturers and more than 50 air carriers around the globe.

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