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BLACKPOOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HANGAR 3 AGREE PARTNERSHIPS WITH AERO GP BLACKPOOL

Blackpool International Airport and Hangar 3 announce sponsorship of the upcoming Aero GP Blackpool air racing event which takes place on 28 - 29 June. The leading Lancashire aviation businesses will provide vital infrastructural support to the international air race competition which will take place over the sea along the North Shore beachfront and is expected to draw huge crowds of spectators as part of the National Veterans Day celebrations.

Both Blackpool International Airport, which has been a centre for flying activity since 1909, and Hangar 3, the modern private aviation services company, will provide Aero GP aircraft with full use of facilities and services. Situated less than two miles from the Aero GP racing circuit, these partners' facilities will allow easy access for competitors and an efficient base for race operations as well as world class hospitality and support services.

Aero GP, the fastest motorsport in Europe, is at the forefront of a new trend in motorsport – air racing – with Blackpool the first city in the UK to embrace it in the modern era. Aero GP is real air racing with eight high-performance sport airplanes racing together, all in the air at the same time, as well as other disciplines such as aerobatics. In addition to Aero GP Blackpool, Aero GP will return to Constanta, Romania on 7-8th June for the first race of the season, and to one other European venue in 2008 to be announced soon.

Jeff Zaltman, President of Aero GP, said: *“We are very pleased to have agreed these partnerships with Blackpool International Airport and Hangar 3. Both organisations form extremely integral parts of the Aero GP event and we would not have been able to stage the Aero GP Blackpool without their enthusiastic support. We hope that the Aero GP will be able to showcase their fine services to the broader aviation community and we encourage everyone to visit these friendly businesses during the week of the event.”*

Susan Kendrick, Communications Manager at Blackpool Airport, said: *“This is the first ever Aero GP event in Britain and we are delighted that they will be coming to Blackpool in June. We are certain that there will be huge interest in the air racing events and hopefully their success will*



mean that it becomes an annual event. With an international airport on the doorstep, there couldn't be a more ideal place than Blackpool to hold such an exciting event!"

Simon Menzies, Managing Director of Pool Aviation (NW) Ltd who operate Hangar 3, said: "We are delighted that at last Blackpool has attracted an evolving sport which captivates the crowds, is thrilling to watch, and will be associated with the developing aerospace industries which are growing so quickly here in the North West.

Aero GP Blackpool takes place along the North Shore beachfront in Blackpool from 28 – 29 June as part of the National Veterans Day celebrations. For more information visit www.aero-gp.com.

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