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Brad Kutz Joins Wipaire, Inc. as Vice President of Engineering

South Saint Paul, Minnesota, January 31, 2018 – Wipaire, Inc.® welcomes Brad Kutz as Vice President of Engineering. Brad mostly recently served as a senior systems engineer for Rockwell Collins, managing development of new products to add functionality to existing platforms. His prior experience also includes stints at Cirrus, leading broad engineering and technical support teams in China and the USA, developing systems for unmanned aerial platforms at AAI Corporation (Textron Defense Systems), along with avionics and electrical engineering development for other aerospace and defense leaders.

"Innovation is part of our heritage, dating back to when my grandfather, Ben, first decided to build a better set of aircraft floats," stated Chuck Wiplinger, President and COO of Wipaire, Inc. "Brad's time developing sophisticated avionics systems and overseeing complex engineering projects will be a great help to us as we bring new and exciting products to market. He's also a pilot, so he understands the wants and needs of our customers from a unique perspective."

"I'm excited to join the Wipaire team. Having known the Wiplinger family for years, I have always respected the company as well as their customer-oriented approach to engineering," Brad added. "I look forward to combining both my technological and leadership skills to further strengthen Wipaire's position as the innovative market leader."

Brad has over 15 years of electrical engineering and avionics development experience, including extensive international involvement. A veteran of several complex engineering teams, he has managed projects ranging in size from evolutionary updates to entire new

product conceptualization, development, testing, and certification. Brad holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a private pilot certificate.

About Wipaire, Inc.

For over 55 years, Wipaire has been engineering and manufacturing a full line of aircraft floats for all sizes of aircraft from the Piper Cub to the Viking Twin Otter, including most single engine Cessna aircraft. In addition, Wipaire has engineered over 100 Supplemental Type Certificated modifications for improved performance, convenience, and reliability. As a leading aircraft service provider, Wipaire offers maintenance, avionics installation and repair, custom interior design and installation, and exterior paint refinishing across locations in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Leesburg, Florida. Wipaire is recognized for its quality products and engineering expertise worldwide.

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