## For Immediate Release

## Wipaire, Inc. Increases Grand Caravan Gross Weight to 9,187 lbs.

South Saint Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 2018 – Wipaire, Inc. has received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval to increase the Cessna Grand Caravan's gross weight to 9,187 lbs. (4,167 kg) on Wipline 8750 floats. The Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) adds 125 lbs. (56 kg) of useful load and is available for floated aircraft equipped with the PT6A-140 engine. Eligible aircraft include production Grand Caravan EX aircraft and Grand Caravans equipped with Blackhawk Modifications' XP140 conversion.

"More useful load means more of what matters to our customers—whether that is passengers, cargo, or the family pet," noted Clint E. Clouatre, Vice President of Marketing & Sales. "To make this possible, Wipaire's engineering team thoroughly analyzed and tested the Grand Caravan to approve the higher gross weight. Our robust engineering capabilities exist to deliver more to our customers every day, and we're excited to make this upgrade available."

The gross weight increase to 9,187 lbs. is available immediately and is priced at \$12,500. Eligible aircraft include:

- New production or in-service Grand Caravan EX aircraft on Wipline 8750 floats
- Grand Caravan aircraft modified with the Blackhawk XP140 engine conversion on Wipline 8750 floats

## 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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