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NEWS INFORMATION

FINANCE DIRECTOR TOUCHES DOWN AT DUNLOP AIRCRAFT TYRES

Birmingham-based Dunlop Aircraft Tyres, the world's only dedicated aircraft tyre manufacturer and retreader, has recruited a new finance director who will play a major role in supporting the company's expansion plans.

Oliver Burns, who started his career at Arthur Andersen, joins from First Technology plc, where he was group finance director. Before that, he held senior finance roles with Bunzl plc and BET plc.

"We were acquired by AAC Capital Partners earlier this year and we are using this opportunity to embark on a major international expansion programme," said Dunlop Aircraft Tyres' chairman, Ian Edmondson.

"For example, the company is expanding into Asia with the investment in a new retreading facility that is expected to open in 2009. Oliver's considerable experience of working with overseas manufacturing and service facilities will be a great asset.

"We are delighted to have attracted a heavyweight financial director with Oliver's level of experience. He will be a great asset to the management team."

Oliver, who heads a team of eight finance and information technology staff at Dunlop Aircraft Tyres, sees a great opportunity ahead of him.

"I was attracted to the company because of the challenge to develop and grow the business within the dynamic and expanding aerospace market," he said.

AAC Capital Partners, formerly the private equity business of ABN Amro, acquired 74.6 per cent ownership of Dunlop Aircraft Tyres in May 2007.

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About Dunlop Aircraft Tyres

Based in Birmingham, Dunlop Aircraft Tyres Ltd specialises in the supply of aircraft tyres and tubes from design thorough to delivery, using the most sophisticated precision and manufacturing and retreading techniques available today. In its 97-year history, Dunlop Aircraft Tyres has achieved worldwide recognition and today is the only dedicated aircraft tyre manufacturer and retreader. The company focuses solely on meeting the needs of the aviation industry with a comprehensive product range available, backed by service 24 hours a day, all year round. Dunlop Aircraft Tyres' high profile customers include major international airlines, aircraft constructors, wheel and brake manufacturers and maintenance facilities throughout the world.