



News Release

**ENSIGN-BICKFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.
ACQUIRES
AVIOR CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Simsbury, CT USA, March 06, 2018) Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc. (EBI) today announced it has successfully closed on its acquisition of Avior Control Technologies, Inc., headquartered in Longmont, Colorado.

Avior Controls was founded in 2010 by Scott Starin with the charter to provide the highest performance, highest reliability motion-control components, coupled with world-class service and support. Avior is engaged in the design and manufacture of custom, highly reliable, and space-rated motors, gearboxes, dampers, transducers, and actuators for the space, aerospace, and down-hole industries.

Commenting on the acquisition, EBI President and CEO Tom Perlitz said, “We are very pleased to have Scott Starin and the Avior team join the EBI family of companies. Scott has built an impressive company and we are excited to partner with him to grow Avior into the future. With Avior, Honeybee, TiNi, NEA and Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense we have a team of some of the best technical minds in the spacecraft industry. When combining our technical expertise with the power of the Ensign-Bickford Operating System, our intention is to uniquely serve customers in the rapidly evolving markets of launch vehicles, earth orbiting satellites, space exploration missions and robotic satellite servicing.”

“The entire Avior team and I are excited about the new partnership with EBI, as this new structure will bring additional resources, capabilities, and manufacturing expertise, which will enable us to execute more efficiently”, said Scott Starin, Founder and Vice President of Avior Control Technologies. “Additionally, EBI’s and Avior’s visions for expanding our current solution sets through research and development are entirely aligned, thus assuring new technologies and capabilities will continue to be offered to the Aerospace and Down-Hole industries. We at Avior look forward to continuing our



growth while working with EBI on some of the most advanced and demanding systems for years to come.”

Brendan Walsh, Group President at EBI, commented, “The addition of Scott and his team at Avior is a great addition to our EBI family. The products that Avior offers give us a full suite of actuators and motors, from small, high-performing motion control actuators to large, high-precision pointing actuators. The combination of Avior and Honeybee Robotics also gives us the ability to offer more highly integrated motion control solutions to our customers.”

Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc., headquartered in Simsbury, Connecticut is a 182 year-old, privately held, diverse global science and technology organization. EBI’s family of companies includes AFB International (palatability enhancers for the pet food industry), Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense (precision energetic systems), Honeybee Robotics, Ltd. (spacecraft mechanisms), TiNi Aerospace Inc. (release mechanisms) and EnviroLogix® Inc. (DNA detection solutions for food production).

More information on Avior Control Technologies can be found at <http://aviorcontrols.com/> and on Ensign-Bickford Industries at <http://www.ensign-bickfordind.com/>.