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## **ANTILLES SEAPLANES, LLC, PARTNERS WITH VX AEROSPACE AND NC A&T UNIVERSITY ON DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL FORCES AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT**

**Gibsonville, North Carolina (10 December 2007)** - Antilles Seaplanes, LLC, headquartered in Gibsonville, NC, announces that it is developing a Special Forces military version of its civilian commercial "Antilles Super Goose" amphibious aircraft. Advanced materials research & development, and testing assistance is being provided by North Carolina A&T State University's Research and Economic Development Division in Greensboro, NC, with carbon fiber composite production work being provided by VX Aerospace in Morganton, NC. This military model is being designed to specifically meet the unique global war fighter requirements for Special Ops missions.

Critical aircraft advanced materials research & development, engineering and testing work by the University will be provided in support of technological aeronautical and armored protection advancements being planned for Antilles' unique twin-engine amphibious airplane.

Antilles Seaplanes is in the final stages of developing the tooling and manufacturing processes for the production of its completely new "Antilles Super Goose" at the company's manufacturing facilities in Gibsonville and Graham, NC. Based on the legendary Grumman G-21 Goose, the aircraft has been updated to current day aviation standards with turboprop engines, glass panel avionics, carbon fiber composite material technology, interior environmental systems, and a variety of other technological improvements over the original airplane.

The "Antilles Super Goose" is a twin engine, 10-seat amphibian with complete versatility, designed to take off and land on water (minimum depth of 36 inches in oceans, bays, rivers or lakes) as well as on paved runways, rough dirt strips, remote grass strips, or snow skis with its fully retractable landing gear. It offers speed, rough water capability, cross wind ability,

payload, range, economics, and ruggedness not available on any other aircraft in its class. On water, in the air or on land, this multipurpose airplane can quickly adapt as global military, government, civilian and special humanitarian support needs dictate.

In addition to a large interior space for up to 10 passengers/crew, equipment and cargo, there are sizable storage areas in the nose as well as the tail. The aircraft is powered by twin Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A turboprop engines that produce a cruise speed of over 200 knots (approximately 230 miles per hour), a useful load in excess of 5,400 pounds, and a range of over 1,200 nautical miles (six hours plus instrument flight reserves).

For more information on the line of Antilles Seaplanes' fully amphibious "Antilles Goose" aircraft, contact David Dyer or Warren Ludlam at phone number 336.449.5702, by e-mail at [info@antillesseaplanes.com](mailto:info@antillesseaplanes.com), or visit [www.antillesseaplanes.com](http://www.antillesseaplanes.com).

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