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### **Aurora Flight Sciences names Lede' as Vice President for Advanced Concepts**

MANASSAS, VA, March 20, 2008- Aurora Flight Sciences is pleased to announce the newest member of its senior management team. Effective immediately, Jean-Charles (JC) Lede' has been named Vice President of Aurora's Advanced Concepts business sector.

Advanced Concepts develops operational systems and provides critical problem solving in the areas of communication, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance for military and civilians applications. "The Advanced Concepts group is sort of the 'Skunk Works' of Aurora," said CEO John Langford. "It focuses on the development of one-of-a-kind advanced aircraft for customers like DARPA, NASA, and the U.S. Air Force. Over the past 15 years, JC has progressed from student intern to vice president, a record of accomplishment of which we are very proud". Among the programs currently under development are the Orion high-altitude long-endurance UAV and Odysseus solar-powered UAV.

Lede' began his career at Aurora Flight Sciences in 1993 on the Theseus unmanned aircraft project, and has diligently climbed the Aurora ranks. He has worked on over a dozen advanced UAVs at Aurora, serving as project manager for Aurora's successful 2002 deployment drop test of the MarsFlyer UAV, and as Engineering group leader for the aircraft design group. Most recently he held the position of Chief Engineer of the Orion UAV project. Lede' holds a bachelors degree in mathematics and a Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace (Sup'Aéro) in Toulouse, France. He became a U.S. Citizen in 2007.

### **About Aurora Flight Sciences**

Aurora Flight Sciences designs and builds robotic aircraft and other advanced aerospace vehicles for scientific and military applications. Aurora is headquartered in Manassas, VA and operates production plants in Clarksburg, WV and Columbus, MS and a Research and Development Center in Cambridge, MA. To view recent press releases and more about Aurora please visit our web site at [www.aurora.aero](http://www.aurora.aero).

