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MERIDIAN AIR CHARTER CONTINUES TO EXPAND FLEET

Teterboro, NJ, October 7, 2011 – Meridian, the Teterboro, NJ-based private aviation services company, officially added a second Hawker 800XP to its Part 135 Certificate this week, bringing its charter fleet to a total of eighteen jet aircraft. Meridian has been expanding its fleet to accommodate higher demand for its air charter services as the economy begins to slowly recover. “The addition of the Hawker 800XP to the Meridian fleet is part of our steady growth strategy to accommodate an increase in midsize aircraft charter activity”, says Dennis O’Connell, President of Meridian Air Charter.

The aircraft was manufactured by Raytheon Hawker in 2003, and it can accommodate up to 8 passengers. Both the exterior and interior were recently refurbished, and the aircraft was retro-fitted with such onboard amenities as broadband Wi-Fi, CD and DVD player with two 14” monitors, and contains a galley with microwave, coffee-maker and a private lavatory. The Hawker has also been retro-fitted with winglets to increase fuel efficiency and range.

About Meridian:

Meridian is a full-service, private aviation company based in Teterboro, NJ, located just minutes from New York City. The company has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its world-class service and state-of-the-art facility. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include Aircraft Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Air Charter, and a luxurious Executive Terminal / FBO that was completed in 2006.

The historical roots of Meridian originated in 1946 when company founder and former WWII test pilot, Ken Forester, Sr., began converting military transport aircraft for executive operation. Opened at Teterboro in 1958, Meridian was one of the early pioneers of private aviation in the New York City market. Today, the company is led by Ken Forester, Jr., making Meridian the longest continuously operating aviation services company in the New York Metropolitan Area, and the only remaining family-owned business at Teterboro Airport (TEB).

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