



**Bell Becomes First Rotorcraft Customer to Use Sustainable Aviation Fuel for Training**  
*Bell Global Training Academy Leads Efforts to Reduce Aircraft Carbon Emissions*

**Fort Worth, TX (24 March 2021)** – Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE:TXT) company, announced today that it will begin incorporating Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) into all Bell Training Academy (BTA) and customer demonstration fleet aircraft. Bell will be the first rotorcraft customer to receive SAF supply from global aviation fuel supplier, Avfuel Corporation.

“Bell is an active supporter of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association’s sustainable fuel initiative, and we are committed to seeking more eco-friendly solutions for rotorcraft,” said Michael Thacker, Executive Vice President, Technology and Commercial Business. “As the industry moves toward a greener future, Bell’s decision to introduce SAF in our training and demonstration aircraft is a reflection of our dedication to this shared goal and to providing clean alternatives for the environment.”

All Bell operated demonstration and training fleet aircraft, totaling 20 aircraft, will begin using sustainable aviation fuel starting March 25. SAF provides a cleaner source of fuel to power rotorcraft and decreases environmental impact of general aviation.

Aside from SAF integration, Bell is exploring other ways to diminish fuel consumption by testing electrically powered technology in new vehicles like the Bell Autonomous Pod Transport and the Electrically Distributed Anti-Torque demonstrator. Bell continues to support the aviation industry in its objective to achieve carbon neutral growth and reduce CO2 emissions by 50 percent by 2050.

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We are pioneers. We were the first to break the sound barrier and to certify a commercial helicopter. We were aboard NASA’s first lunar mission and brought advanced tiltrotor systems to market. Today, we’re defining the future of on-demand mobility.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas – as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., – we have strategic locations around the globe. And with nearly one quarter of our workforce having served, helping our military achieve their missions is a passion of ours. Above all, our breakthrough innovations deliver exceptional experiences to our customers. Efficiently. Reliably. And always, with safety at the forefront.

**ABOUT TEXTRON INC.**

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