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AIRCARE INTERNATIONAL OFFERS AQUEOUS-BASED CLASS-D FIRE EXTINGUISHING AGENT TO COMBAT ONBOARD LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

Tacoma, WA (May 4, 2015) - Aircare International announced today that it would begin offering an aqueous-based class-D fire-extinguishing agent as part of its aircraft safety product line to combat in-flight lithium battery fires for business and commercial aircraft.

The company will sell the LIFE Kit® manufactured by SpectrumFX, which includes a biodegradable, non-toxic, class-D fire-extinguishing agent called Firebane®. Firebane is proven to extinguish class-D fires in multiple applications, which is burning metal, and is more effective than water at cooling a lithium battery pack that has gone into a dangerous overheating state known as thermal runaway.

Aircare currently produces the Aircare FireSock™, a fireproof containment bag that is used in conjunction with the FAA, EASA, IATA and ICAO recommended procedures for handling lithium battery fires in portable electronic devices on the aircraft.

“For the past 5 years we have worked closely with business aviation operators, charter companies, and major airlines helping them put in place policies and procedures for dealing with the potential threat of lithium battery fires in portable electronic devices (PEDs) on the flight deck or in the cabin,” says Martin Hamilton, VP Business Development for Aircare. “SpectrumFX’s LIFE Kit with Firebane is a great addition to our product line that can be used during these procedures. The pairing of the Aircare FireSock and the SpectrumFX LIFE Kit with Firebane results in a total solution for aircraft operators that is not only highly-effective, but also cost-effective.”

As part of a co-distribution agreement both Aircare and SpectrumFX will offer the FireSock and LIFE Kit products as stand-alone packages, or as a combined package. LIFE Kits contain two 32 ounce containers of Firebane that can be applied to the portable electronic device. The FireSock contains a fireproof containment bag and protective gloves.

The FAA published Advisory Circular (AC) 120-80A in December of 2014 in which it recommends the use of water or an aqueous based extinguishing agent as part of lithium battery fire-fighting procedures. The Aircare FireSock and SpectrumFX LIFE kits are currently flying on several major airlines.

About Aircare International

Aircare International specializes in medical, safety and emergency related training, services and products for business aviation. Aircare International products include Aircare FACTS® Training for crew member emergency procedures training; Aircare Crews® Staffing, providing a staffing solution for pilots and flight attendants; Aircare Access® Assistance, providing 24-7-365 tele-medical assistance and support services; and Majestic Aerotech, a part 145 repair station for medically related aerospace products. More information can be found at www.aircareinternational.com.

About SpectrumFX

SpectrumFX is the leader in “green” fire extinguishing technology and is working with both the FAA and ICAO agencies as they address today’s complex fire safety challenges. To find out more, please visit www.spectrumfx.net.

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