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## **Marinvent Corporation Launches Certification Center Canada**

**Farnborough, UK, July 13, 2016 –** Marinvent Corporation President John Maris announced today at the Farnborough International Airshow the launch of Canada's first independent research, development, flight test, and certification center, CertCenterCanada (www.certcentercanada.com).

CertCenterCanada addresses the challenges faced by aerospace companies as they try to reduce the substantial costs, schedule, and risks associated with flight testing and certification. The centre will provide a single-source resource of expert services, facilities, test assets, and access to Transport Canada delegates (DARs) covering a broad spectrum of disciplines. These resources will allow the center's customers to optimize their use of their very expensive certification resources, thereby significantly reducing the costs associated with this critical activity. The center will be better able to amortise these highly cyclical costs across its customer base, while retaining the very highly trained staff necessary for rapid certification program ramp-up and training new certification professionals, making it easier for the Canadian aerospace industry to accommodate the increasing size, complexity, and volume of new certification programs.

"Canada's aerospace sector is an important driver of the Canadian economy. Innovation can strengthen companies, help them grow and export. This new certification centre will not only save our aerospace companies time and money and make them more competitive globally, but it will create high-quality employment for the middle class at home," Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade.

"CertCenterCanada is of strategic importance to the Canadian aerospace industry," said John Maris, President of Marinvent. "It is a national initiative that I have personally been championing for many years. The centre will provide a full range of flight test and certification services to support a worldwide customer base from its headquarters location, by integrating with DARs and satellite facilities across Canada using Marinvent's Synthesis® web-based certification tools."

CertCenterCanada will significantly expand upon Marinvent's current scope and capability to support clients seeking civil and military flight test and certification for aircraft, avionics, and aircraft systems. The centre is also expected to become a focus for aerospace companies wishing to conduct advanced research and development. As such it will provide an ideal conduit for consortium and incubator initiatives, Canadian investment in aerospace, foreign direct investment, and Industrial Technology Benefit opportunities.

"We congratulate Marinvent on this important announcement and are proud to endorse their efforts to work with both government and industry to create a stronger certification environment in Canada. Marinvent is a small business success story in the Canadian aerospace industry, and today's announcement is further testament to its leadership and to the important role that all small businesses have to play in maintaining a strong, globally competitive Canadian aerospace industry," said Jim Quick, President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC).

Discussions are already underway with potential launch partners, customers, and investors, and work has begun narrowing down potential headquarters locations for the center based upon existing infrastructure and resources, as well as proximity to major prospective customers and partners.

About Marinvent – Marinvent is an aerospace R&D test and evaluation company headquartered in St-Bruno, Québec, whose major function is to reduce the risk, life cycle cost, time to develop, and time to certify novel aerospace technologies for fixed wing, rotary wing and unmanned platforms. Marinvent specializes in Flight Test Services, Systems Engineering, Human Factors Engineering, IP Licensing, Software Tools, Software Development and Certification. Marinvent has an award-winning track record of providing outsourced services and consulting, and has been achieved numerous Supplemental Type Certificates (STC), ranging from single display upgrades to several complete next-generation cockpit upgrades, such as the Honeywell CDS/R® retrofit for the Piaggio P180 aircraft which was used in the highly successful 4-year NASA TASAR flight test program. Marinvent's customer base includes NASA, Bombardier, Transport Canada, the Canadian Department of National Defence, foreign governments, and numerous avionics manufacturers.

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