



Mint Turbines LLC

A brief history

Consolidated Heliflight, Inc. was organized in 1981. The original intent for the company was the repair and maintenance of its own fleet of helicopters and others in the rotorwing community. The customer base included Commercial Operators, various branches of the United States Armed Services, and Civil Government entities operating a variety of rotorwing aircraft.



In 1986, it was decided to focus exclusively on the overhaul and repair of the P&WC PT6T power section and reduction gearbox business. Up to 1993, Consolidated Heliflight had successfully repaired, overhauled, and tested over 2,000 P&WC PT6T Power Sections and Combining Gearboxes.

In 1993, services were expanded to overhaul and repair most models of the PWC- PT6A Turboprop Engines in addition to the PT6T models. Proceeding cautiously with this new product line while overhauling a few engines each year until 1998 when a decision was made to expand the facility and dedicate more effort toward turboprop engines. PT6A repairs and overhauls quickly accounted for over 50 percent of the annual overhaul and repair production at the facility in Stroud, Oklahoma.

In 1998 **Consolidated Heliflight** was purchased by **Northstar Aerospace**. (a Canadian public company with operating subsidiaries in Canada and the United States) In 2002 the name was changed to **Northstar Aerospace, Turbine Engine Service Group** as the parent company integrated us into their organization. Northstar Aerospace, TESG rapidly developed a worldwide reputation as a premier PT6T and PT6A Overhaul and Repair Organization.



Northstar Aerospace, TESG continued to operate as an independent facility, providing a level of excellence in repairs, overhauls, and field service that was unequaled anywhere in the industry. “Many of our customers have been with us since the beginning and the majority of them are repeat customers to this day”. These results were achieved by directing all efforts and resources toward efficient, high quality production and outstanding customer service.



In late 2008 Northstar Aerospace decided to divest itself of Northstar Aerospace, TESH in order to concentrate on its core business of manufacturing and so began the bidding to sell the TESH asset.

In May of 2009 a successful bidder was declared and the assets were transferred to M International. The former Northstar Aerospace, TESH was rebranded as **Mint Turbines LLC**. All 43 former employees are now employees of **Mint Turbines LLC** which officially began operations May 28th, 2009 as a newly Certified FAA Repair Station.

The owners of **Mint Turbines LLC** are M International of McLean, VA, a privately owned export management and aviation parts supplier, and Sigma Federal of McLean, Va., a private equity firm. The principal owners of M International include; Richard McConn, Founder & CEO of M International since 1979; Gary R. Nelson, PhD, Chairman of Sigma Federal; Dan Bannister, with over 50 years experience in aviation support, defense and aerospace; Gen. John G. Coburn, President of VT Systems; Mehdi Protzuk, Vice President and CFO of M International; John T. Schell III, President of Sigma Federal; Robert L. Ruck, CEO of WDC Exploration and Wells; and, Michael M. Wynne, Former Secretary of the Air Force, DOD Acquisition Chief, a West Point graduate and Sr. Vice President of General Dynamics. **Mint Turbines LLC** is led by its President, Richard McConn.

Mint Turbines LLC is continuing operations as an independent turbine engine maintenance, repair and overhaul facility located in Stroud, Oklahoma and building on the already excellent reputation of the former company. The repair station is authorized by the FAA for the repair and overhaul of the PT6A and PT6T turbine engines manufactured by Pratt & Whitney Canada and the test cells are correlated by P&WC to their Gold Standard. The facility has nearly 30,000 square feet of factory and warehouse space. Since 1981, many thousands of engines have been successfully repaired and overhauled at this facility.