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### Alan Klapmeier Appointed to AERObridge Board of Directors

For immediate release: Washington, DC - 4 October 2010: AERObridge is both pleased and honored to announce that Alan Klapmeier has accepted membership on the organizations Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Klapmeier, who founded and served as Chairman of Cirrus Design until 2009, currently leads Kestrel Aircraft of Brunswick, Maine. Mr. Klapmeier also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the General Aviation Manufacturing Association (GAMA), and was its Chairman in 2008. He's also on the AOPA Air Safety Foundation Board of Visitors, the Board of Directors of the Small Aircraft Manufacturers Association, and the Ripon College Board of Trustees.

In 2007, Mr. Klapmeier and his brother, Dale, received the Aero Club of New England's prestigious Dr. Godfrey L Cabot Award for the advancement of aviation, and the Experimental Aviation Association's (EAA) Freedom of Flight Award that same year. In 2006, he became one of Airport Journal's "Living Legends of Aviation" and was named Aviation Entrepreneur of the Year. Klapmeier also received the EAA August Raspet award, the Air Safety Foundation 2005 Admiral de Florez Award for significant contributions to aviation safety and accident prevention, and was Ernst and Young's 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year for Manufacturing.

While at Cirrus, he was responsible for the certification of the Cirrus SR20 and SR22, with the latter becoming the world's best selling aircraft for several years. Klapmeier has also been on the vanguard of incorporating new technologies into general aviation aircraft, including the glass cockpit, the whole-plane parachute system and in-flight weather information.

"Having a visionary like Alan Klapmeier, who turned a small company manufacturing experimental aircraft kits into a major innovative design and manufacturing force in general aviation, on the board of AERObridge is an incredible honor," explained AERObridge President Marianne Stevenson. "His experience, history of innovation, and vision for the future of aviation will serve those in desperate need well. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Mr. Klapmeier."

Mr. Klapmeier holds degrees in Physics and Economics from Ripon College in Wisconsin. He's been an active pilot for more than 30 years and has accumulated over 5500 hours of flight time.

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Editor's note: Photographs of Mr. Klapmeier are available upon request.