APPENDIX A

A SHORT COMPANY HISTORY

United Aircraft of Canada Limited (UACL) was created as a sales, service and overhaul organization in 1928 to handle the products of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a division of United Aircraft Corporation of East Hartford, Connecticut. *

During World War II, UACL branched into manufacturing when it produced Hamilton Standard constant speed propellers and Pratt & Whitney Wasp engines. The Company now manufactures in Montreal, for worldwide markets, all Pratt & Whitney piston engines and spare parts.

In 1958, the Company created the nucleus of a design and development organization. After orientation at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft of East Hartford, and the completion of preliminary design of the 3,000 lb. thrust JT12 gas turbine engine, this team designed its first Canadian aero engine, the PT6 gas turbine. The first production engine of this program was delivered in 1963 and at this date over 2900 engines have been delivered to customers. Current manufacturing plans call for a substantial level of production of this engine over the next ten years. Based on the market acceptance of the PT6 engine, UACL has embarked on a new engine project, an advanced turbo-fan or fan-jet engine, which will go into production for the General Aviation market in 1971 and for which orders have been won from two major manufacturers in the U.S.A. and France.

In 1962, UACL entered into the helicopter field. The Company is currently involved in detail design and manufacture of components for the Sikorsky CH-53 primarily for the U.S. market.

In 1966, the Company formed an Industrial and Marine Division to handle all projects not connected with the aircraft industry. PT6 engines are now being used in Turbo-Trains in the U.S. and Canada, wood chippers in the pulp and paper industry, sea-going boats and hovercraft, fracturing units in the oil industry, power generation and gas pumping systems, high speed snow plows and in highway trucks.

United Aircraft of Canada Limited currently employs more than 5,000 people in the Montreal area in seven plants occupying over 1-1/2 million square feet of area. Over 900 members of our technical staff are employed in engineering and management tasks.

* The following are divisions of United Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford: Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Hamilton Standard, Sikorsky Aircraft, Norden, Electronic Components, United Technology Center and Research Laboratories.