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As part of our commitment to excellence we are proud to welcome you to our company's newsletter.

At Precision Turbines it is important to us to create a newsletter that will appeal to the broad spectrum of clients we serve. We will continue to strive to bring you the most informative and up to date aviation news, and touch on a variety of topics such as, safety, air transport, flight instrumentation, and corporations. We are always open to suggestions, if there are topics you would like to read about, please let us know.

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CESSNA ROLLS OUT FIRST CITATION XLS+

(by John Croft) Cessna on Friday completed and rolled out the first production version of its Citation XLS+ super- light business jet, the newest member of the world's "best-selling business jet model," according to the company. The production model, which features Rockwell Collins pro line 21 avionics and two FADEC-controlled Pratt & Whitney Canada 545C engines, is now having its paint and interior completed, while two flight test aircraft continue type certification testing in preparation for an anticipated mid-year completion. Cessna expects to begin delivering the \$11.6 million, nine-passenger aircraft by year's end. The Excel/XLS fleet, first produced in 1998, now comprises nearly 650 aircraft with an accumulated flight time of more than 1.4 million hours, says Cessna.

EX-JETBLUE EXECUTIVES SET UP JETSUIT VLJ OPERATION

(by David Field) A group of former JetBlue Airways executives has formed a very light jet operation that pays the owners of the aircraft in return for allowing the company to charter their aircraft during any downtime. JetSuite, founded by Alex Wilcox, has 50 Embraer Phenom 100 VLJs on firm order, with options on an additional 50 in the Phenom family it will also pay \$25,000 a month to Phenom owners for the right to charter their aircraft on one-ways and other deadhead flight segments.

PILOT SHORTAGE MAY CURB AIRLINES' PLANS

A worsening worldwide shortage of airlines pilots could slow the aviation industry's growth and increase labor costs just as carriers are grappling with soaring fuel bills. The Geneva-based international Air Transport Association reckons that the airline industry needs 3,000 pilots... [Read More](#)

EOS AIRLINES TO SHUT DOWN

EOS Airlines ceased operations after filing for bankruptcy protection, the latest casualty in an industry hit hard by high fuel prices. The airline operated reconfigured Boeing 757s meant with 48 seats that could extend into a fully flat bed. EOS joins other carriers to file for Chapter 11 or go out of business in recent months. Aloha, ATA, and SkyBus have ceased operations, while Frontier continues operating under Chapter 11 protection. One of EOS' main rivals in the all-business-class niche, MAXjet Airways, stopped flying in December.

FOR AIRLINES, RUNWAYS ARE THE DANGER ZONE

The Recent groundings of thousands of flights have raised flags about skipped airplane inspections and botched repairs to wiring. But what really worries aviation specialists? Runway collisions. Where... [Read More](#)

CONTINENTAL 'REBUKES' UNITED ON MERGER

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BRITISH AIRWAYS, VIRGIN ATLANTIC TO SETTLE PRICE-FIXING SUIT

A federal judge on Friday preliminarily approved an agreement by two British-based airlines to pay about \$210 million to settle a massive price-fixing lawsuit that accused the... [Read More](#)

P&W PREPARES TO FLIGHT -TEST GTF ON BOEING 747SP

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VIDEO OF THE WEEK: BOEING 777 "PTQ" ("PUT TOGETHER QUICKLY")

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