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### **Derco Repair Services' QEC program experiences growth**

*January 17, 2006, Milwaukee, Wis.*— Derco Repair Services developed Quick Engine Change (QEC) structural repair capabilities in 2003 to more effectively meet the needs of its customers. The results have been excellent; last year Derco Repair reached a milestone in the program with two sizable orders. Derco Repair is currently working at full capacity and will complete 13 QECs by the close of 2005.

“This milestone solidifies our commitment to providing our customers with the most comprehensive support,” said Armando Boucourt, Manager, Powerplant MRO Services. “We are working full throttle to meet the needs of our customers and in doing so Derco Repair Services will be positioned to expand our QEC capabilities in the future.”

The rapid expansion of the QEC program started in 2003 when Derco Repair developed the capability to bring all of its QEC business in-house. Prior to 2003, Derco Repair outsourced the overhaul of QEC structures, a practice that complicated cost control and the monitoring of work on outsourced QECs. In addition, turn-around time increased because numerous touch points were involved with each QEC. Depending on incoming condition and other factors, in-house QEC work can be finished in 30 days or less, while an outsourced QEC can take up to 90 days to complete.

“Developing the QEC capability in-house was a unique opportunity because not only would customers receive the benefits of Derco Repair’s complete capability to repair, rework, and upgrade QEC structures,” said Boucourt, “they would also receive Derco Aerospace’s ability to provide 100 percent of all C-130 structural components that go into a QEC. No other commercial supplier or service provider in the world today can provide value like the Derco family of companies.”

Derco Repair’s QEC capability produces very high quality QECs at a lower cost than other service providers, providing a distinct economical advantage to Derco Repair customers. No competitor can match the depth of Derco Repair’s QEC services—reducing turn-around time, life cycle ownership costs, and saving the customer money.

For more information regarding Derco Repair Services’ QEC capabilities, call (414) 355-3066 or visit [www.dercoaerospace.com](http://www.dercoaerospace.com).

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