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Meridian Awarded GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation *Designation Considered the Gold Standard for Safe Facilities*

Teterboro, NJ, June 21, 2021 – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company, is pleased to announce its recent certification by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) as a GBAC STAR™ facility. This accreditation is given to those facilities that have established and maintained a cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention program to minimize risks associated with infectious agents such as COVID-19.

The GBAC program was designed by ISSA, the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry, to control the risks associated with infectious agents. It is the gold standard for demonstrating adherence to best practices for cleaning of facilities and employs a rigorous risk-based assessment to tailor cleaning and disinfecting regimens to specific spaces within each facility. In addition, it ensures that a facility's cleaning professionals are specifically trained for outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response.

“Meridian has been following strict protocols throughout the pandemic,” said Steve Chandoha, Meridian President. “This certification and validation of our efforts by outside experts underscores Meridian's commitment to safe operations.”

Meridian's receipt of this certification follows similar actions taken by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In November 2020, they announced that John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty International, LaGuardia, New York Stewart and Teterboro Airports had received the Airport Health Accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World and ACI Americas. The recently developed Airport Health Accreditation program evaluates new health and safety measures and procedures introduced at airports worldwide in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meridian began working toward its individual FBO accreditation once Teterboro Airport (TEB) received ACI accreditation. TEB is the first General Aviation airport in the world with this accreditation.

The GBAC STAR accreditation is just the latest demonstration of Meridian's continued diligence around safety and cleaning. In July 2020, both the Teterboro

and Hayward FBO facilities received Safety 1st Clean registration from the National Air Transportation Association (NATA). The registration recognizes Meridian's commitment to following best practices and guidelines from both the NATA and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) around cleaning, disinfecting and hygiene, as well as ongoing education and training. Conformance to the Safety 1st Clean standard also requires that the organization have a Hazard Communication Plan in place, which Meridian does as part of its IS-BAH accreditation. Meridian has been a participant in NATA's overall Safety 1st program for over 20 years.

"We are committed to best practices in everything we do, and our commitment to the highest level of adherence around cleaning and disinfecting is no different," added Chandoha. "We felt it was important to demonstrate our conformance and commitment to these exacting standards to our customers, employees and the public at large, and earning these accreditations lets customers know they can expect the best and safest protocols when they come to Meridian."

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About Meridian

Meridian is an award-winning, private aviation company with Fixed Base Operator (FBO) locations at Teterboro Airport (TEB) near New York City, and Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) near San Francisco. The company also offers aircraft detailing, cleaning and decontamination services at its Teterboro facility. Meridian has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its exceptional service:

2021 AIN FBO Survey - Top 10% of FBOs in the Americas and #1 FBO in the NYC metro area; Meridian Hayward was ranked in the top five FBOs in the West Region by AIN. 2021 *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey - Top 10 Best FBOs in US, Top 5 Best Independent FBOs in US. Meridian was the #1 FBO at Teterboro Airport in both surveys. Both Meridian Teterboro and Meridian Hayward are CAA Preferred FBOs at their respective airports, IS-BAH certified, NATA Safety 1st and NATA Safety 1st Clean approved.

Meridian celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2021. The company's roots at Teterboro Airport date back to 1946. In 2016, Meridian opened its West Coast location in Hayward, CA.

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