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SUBJECT: Statement from Mayor Ness on Cirrus merger

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[Duluth, MN] - Mayor Don Ness released the following statement in response to today's announcement by Cirrus Aircraft that the company is being acquired by China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co., Ltd. (CAIGA).

"We anticipate that this merger will give Cirrus the additional financial resources and stability to ensure their recovery and grow operations and employment as the economy rebounds," said Duluth Mayor Don Ness. "I appreciate the assurances that Cirrus management has given us that operations will remain in Duluth, obviously that is our primary concern. We look forward to continuing the partnership with Cirrus not only to retain local operations, but also to grow jobs and support the company's future success."

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