## UAV Turbines, Inc. Appoints Four Members to its Board of Advisors

Miami, Florida, (March 22, 2018) – Locust USA, Inc, through its wholly-owned subsidiary **UAV Turbines, Inc. ("UAVT")**, a developer of advanced heavy-fuel microturbine propulsion and ground power systems, announced the formation of its Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) by appointing four distinguished members from a variety of military and commercial sector backgrounds.

"We welcome the valuable guidance of these outstanding individuals to UAVT whose leadership and expertise have advanced the development of a variety of aviation and ground power programs", stated James W. Dowe III, Chairman.

**William T. "Tim" Crosby, Major General (R)** has become Chairman of UAVT's SAB. MG Crosby spent over 35 years in the Army in a variety of leadership roles. His last assignment in the Army was as the Program Executive Officer for Aviation in which he was responsible for all of the Army's aviation programs (both manned and unmanned). Prior to that, MG Crosby was the Program Manager for the Army's Cargo Helicopter (CH47) Program. Retiring in 2014, he founded Crosby Aerospace, LLC, which provides advisory services to companies in the aviation industry. He is also a member of the board of Columbia Helicopters.

**Edward M. Harrington, Brigadier General (R)** spent more than 30 years leading large organizations of up to 12,600+ people in the U.S. Army. BG Harrington has worked at every level of management in the huge U.S. military Standard Procurement System, responsible for acquisition of combat vehicles, artillery, small arms and personal protective systems. He became Advisory Council member for the Army's LOGCAP III and Future Combat Systems, and worked in the Defense Contract Management Agency. After retirement, he returned to government service as the Army's senior official managing procurement, spending \$150 billion/year. He currently consults with ClientView Consulting, Framingham, MA.

James "Russ" Spray has a long and varied executive experience in aviation operations and management, executive administration, and contract negotiation. As the President and CEO of Safran Helicopter Engines NA, formerly Turbomeca USA and Turbomeca Canada, he oversaw the company's re-engineering of the U.S. Coast Guard's Aerospatiale HH-65 Dolphins, ramp-up of production of Arriel 1E2 engines for the U.S. Army's UH-72A Lakotas, and the selection by Bell Helicopter of its Arrius 2R to power the new 505 Jet Ranger X. Previously, as Chairman and CEO of Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C., he reorganized and grew the company from \$3 million in revenue with 7 aircraft to over \$100 million per year with 90 aircraft. He served for five years as the founding Chairman of the Helicopter Association International's EMS Committee, was chairman and co-founder of the National EMS Operator's Forum, a founding member of the Board for the National Air Medical Foundation and sustaining member of the American

Helicopter Society. Among numerous career awards and recognitions, Russ has recently received the Helicopter Association International's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to the helicopter industry and was inducted into the Honorable Order of St. Michael for his specific contributions to US Army Aviation.

**Rusty Weiger** served the government more than 30 years, the last 7 with PEO Aviation as the Deputy Program Executive Officer. He began his army career working in the Apache Project Office as an Aerospace and Production Engineer. He then worked on the Chinook modernization program and continued working as the assistant PEO for Systems Engineering, responsible for the application of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Department of the Army (DA) Systems Engineering (SE) policies across PEO, Aviation's portfolio of programs. After his final position as Deputy PEO Aviation, he retired from the military in Dec 2015 and founded RW Consulting, LLC in Athens, AL.

"These individuals excellently complement our senior management and Board members and their combined insights will be invaluable to UAVT as we introduce new technology into different markets," said Kirk Warshaw, President of UAVT, "we are fortunate to have them on our team."

## About UAVT

Privately owned UAVT is focused on the research, design, and development of quiet, lightweight, fuel efficient microturbines that run on heavy fuels for use in UAV propulsion systems and portable ground power applications.

The Company recently announced it has entered into a \$19 million Technology Investment Agreement (TIA) with the U.S. Army as part of its "Reliable Advanced Small Power Systems (RASPS) Technology Demonstration" program whose overall objective is to develop a 200 shp class advanced technology engine to technical readiness level (TRL) 6.