

A New Era for Aviation Safety and Efficiency: uAvionix Acquires Iris Automation

Jon Damush appointed uAvionix CEO

BIGFORK, MT, UNITED STATES, October 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [uAvionix](#), a leader in communications, navigation, and surveillance (CNS) solutions for the safe integration of Crewed and Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS), has announced its acquisition of [Iris Automation](#)™, provider of optical Detect and Avoid (DAA) technology. This strategic move combines uAvionix's extensive CNS and aviation expertise with Iris' leadership in computer vision-based systems for the safe separation of aircraft. The acquisition not only bolsters uAvionix's capabilities and services but also marks an important leadership change as Jon Damush, former CEO of Iris Automation, takes the helm as CEO of uAvionix Corporation.



"The combination of Iris Automation's and uAvionix's capabilities provides for a multi-layered-safety architecture that supports integration of UAS into the National Airspace System," noted Paul Beard, CTO and founder of uAvionix. "Through our collective efforts, we are solving the two biggest technical challenges to UAS integration: Command and Control and Detect and Avoid. Solving these problems builds safer airspace for all users."

A Safe and Efficient Integrated Airspace

uAvionix's deep experience with avionics development and certification in crewed, uncrewed, and defense technologies have long provided innovative and cost-effective products and services that create cooperative communication and awareness for all airspace users, from the

stratosphere to the airport surface. Iris Automation's pioneering airborne and ground-based optical systems deliver non-cooperative situational awareness for the integration of crewed and uncrewed aircraft. Together, the combined capabilities position uAvionix to provide aviators with the certified avionics, aviation data, and safety solutions necessary for a fully integrated airspace.

Jon Damush Assumes Role of CEO of uAvionix Corporation

As CEO, Jon Damush expands the current uAvionix leadership team and brings more than 30 years of aviation technology experience. His extensive background in engineering for crewed and uncrewed aviation, software development, and systems integration positions him as a visionary leader to guide uAvionix's growth across diverse markets, including General Aviation, Uncrewed Aviation, Defense, and Aviation Networks.



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“Jon Damush's appointment as CEO hits all the right marks for uAvionix. His exceptional background and vision complement an already strong leadership team at uAvionix and aligns perfectly with the uAvionix mission to lead the way in advancing aviation safety and efficiency,” said David Page, Partner at DC Capital Partners. “The addition of Iris' optical capabilities with existing uAvionix solutions further cements our market position within BVLOS operations.”

The acquisition of Iris Automation, coupled with Jon Damush's leadership, fortifies uAvionix's position as an industry leader for the safe and efficient integration of UAS

into the National Airspace. By innovatively combining its aviation expertise with Iris' advanced technology systems, the company is ushering in a new era for safety and efficiency for everything that flies.

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