

Global deeptech company Cailabs appoints Jeff Huggins as President of Cailabs US

Cailabs, a world leader in laser communications, continues its growth with the appointment of three new hires to its US team.

WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES, January 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Global deeptech company [Cailabs](#) announces the appointment of Jeff Huggins as President of Cailabs US Inc. Huggins brings extensive experience as a CEO in the aerospace and defense sectors and as a business leader with a track record of driving growth at major companies. He will lead a team in the US that also includes new Vice President of Business Development hire, Vik Taylor, and Optics Engineer, Ashley Fabioux.



Cailabs, a world leader in laser communications, has expanded rapidly over the past year, announcing an office in downtown Washington, D.C. in September 2023. As one of the few companies that offers turnkey optical ground stations with a unique capacity to compensate for atmospheric turbulence – enabling high-capacity laser communications, even through the atmosphere – the company has responded to demand from the US defense sector, for which laser technology is a high priority.

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With the appointment of Huggins, Cailabs will strengthen its position in the North American market. Huggins led a distinguished career as a Naval Intelligence Officer before moving into the private sector, where he spearheaded the expansion of an established \$24 million company, to more than \$40 million between 2016 to 2020, delivering 76

percent revenue growth.

He has a track record of developing the US subsidiaries of foreign entities, and held senior roles at several major companies, including Israel Aerospace Industries North America and Raytheon. He is the former CEO and Chairman of the board of the US classified aerospace/defense business of French aerospace company Safran and has worked as a presidential appointee in the State Department, working as the Senior Advisor to the US Ambassador to Japan.

He is joined at Cailabs US by other new hires including Optics Engineer, Ashley Fabioux, and Vik Taylor, Vice President of Business Development for the US.

Huggins said:

“Cailabs has developed groundbreaking technological solutions for enduring challenges in laser communications. These

innovations are transforming the high data rate communications industry with the use of ground station laser communications in the defense sector, ensuring reliable, faster, more secure, and efficient data transmission.

“It’s a company with a lot of ambition and a lot of creativity but also one that delivers an effective, in-demand end product. I’m confident that together we can drive Cailabs’ growth and development, and accommodate the demands of the Department of Defense and of industry.

“It’s a very exciting time to be at Cailabs.”

Jean-François Morizur, co-founder and CEO of Cailabs, said he was delighted to have Jeff on board.

“Jeff has a long track record of growing companies in the aerospace and defense sectors, bringing considerable experience, expertise and versatility,” he said.



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“We see him as an important part of our continued growth globally and our ability to meet rising demand for laser solutions like ours from the US defense industry.”

“We’re pushing the boundaries of what’s possible with laser light, and that is having massive implications for a range of industries.”

About Cailabs:

Founded in 2013, Cailabs is a global deeptech company that combines outstanding engineering and expertise in laser light to design, manufacture and sell innovative optical solutions for defense, space, telecoms, and laser machining industries.

Cailabs manufactures turnkey optical ground stations, integrating its atmospheric turbulence compensation technology. That makes it one of the first companies to exploit the very high throughput rates enabled by optics in a ground station on an industrial scale.

It currently has more than 80 employees, including 22 PhD graduates, and owns 26 patent families. By combining its mastery of the science of light with outstanding engineering, Cailabs is pushing the boundaries of what’s possible, accelerating progress and paving the way for a brighter future.

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