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**CLEARY GULL ADVISES AEROSYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
IN ITS SALE TO GEN CAP AMERICA, INC.**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 28, 2014** – Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce the sale of AeroSystems Engineering (“AeroSystems”), a portfolio company of Tonka Bay Equity Partners LLC (“Tonka Bay”), to Gen Cap America, Inc. (“Gen Cap”). Cleary Gull acted as exclusive financial advisor to AeroSystems.

AeroSystems ([www.aseholdings.com](http://www.aseholdings.com)), based in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a leading global provider of testing and engineering services to the aerospace and energy markets. The Company provides services to manufacturers of jet engines and industrial gas turbines, maintenance, repair, and overhaul providers, and governments and militaries.

Tonka Bay ([www.tonkabayequity.com](http://www.tonkabayequity.com)), based in Minnetonka, Minnesota, is a private equity firm that acquires and invests in lower middle market businesses in the highly-engineered manufacturing, business services and value-added distribution sectors.

“Given AeroSystems’ reputation and technical expertise, we saw a very attractive opportunity to take advantage of the growth and changes in the aerospace industry,” said Peter Kooman, a Managing Principal at Tonka Bay and AeroSystems’ Chairman of the Board. “It has been a pleasure working with the AeroSystems team. I have no doubt that the foundation they have built is equipped to handle the anticipated growth for years to come.”

“I’ve enjoyed our partnership with Tonka Bay. Not only have they proven to be a patient and supportive capital partner but also a great sounding board which allowed me to more effectively lead the business,” added Tom Moll, CEO of AeroSystems. “Through the partnership with Tonka Bay and the dedication of my team, we are well positioned to capitalize on the global market opportunity within our aerospace and energy end markets.”

Gen Cap ([www.gencapamerica.com](http://www.gencapamerica.com)), based in Nashville, Tennessee, specializes in acquisitions and recapitalizations of middle market businesses.

**About Cleary Gull**

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