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328 Support Services GmbH secures US FAA Repair Station approval for conversion work

328 Support Services GmbH, which is participating at the Dubai Air Show this week (Static Park Pavilion 10) announced today that it has been awarded FAA Repair Station status for the Dornier 328 JET and turboprop (No 328Y969Y) in recognition of its VIP conversion work, hitherto focused in Europe.

It is a significant milestone for the company as it works to complete its first VIP jet destined for US customer Ayiando Services.

Dave Jackson, 328 Support Services Chief Executive commented: "This extension to our Approval will enable 328 Support to expand into the US market and offer VIP conversions on the type. It is a significant development for our three year-old company."



328 Support is progressing well with its first "N" registered 12-seat VIP conversion - Serial No 3209 for Aviando Services of Miami, Florida which is scheduled for delivery in the first quarter of 2010. The aircraft will feature a number of "firsts" for the 328 Jet. These include:-

- Full HD quality in-flight entertainment system Noise reduction kit
- Satellite communication system including on-board internet access
- · Increased cabin space
- · Electric window blinds

328 Support Services GmbH is exhibiting in Dubai together with its distributor for the Middle East, Action Aviation. It is showcasing 328Jet Serial No 3139 (interior photo attached) from DC Aviation of Germany which has been operating charter flights for nearly a year now. The company notes it is extremely happy with its choice of VIP JET.

Also new for Dubai 328 Support is showing a new virtual walk-through video of its latest VIP Layout development from interiors partner UK-based CTM Design. "This highlights the special features and attention to detail that makes the latest 328 VIP configurations so distinctive," said Head of Sales Ray Mosses.

THE 57th PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW OFFERS THE INDUSTRYA BLUE PRINT FOR GROWTH IN 2010

Palm Beach Gardens, FL – Influential golf manufacturers will exhibit; international leaders will address industry issues, timely education seminars and relevant best practices will be offered, new golf employment initiatives will be launched and professional networking will build important relationships as a blueprint for industry growth in 2010 will be established at the PGA Merchandise Show, Jan. 28-30, 2010, in Orlando, Fla.

The PGA of America and PGA Worldwide Golf Exhibitions announced today the general scope of the 57th annual industry gathering that is expected to bring together more than 1,000 golf vendors and some 40,000 golf business professionals from around the world to the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) in Orlando.

"From the beginning, the PGA Merchandise Show 's growth evolved through the teamwork of PGA Professionals and industry leaders," said PGA of America President Jim Remy. "The Show remains a critical forum for all who serve as caretakers of the game. As we enter 2010, sustaining that teamwork has never been more vital as we focus on expanding our respective business opportunities both at home and throughout the world."

"In planning the 2010 PGA Merchandise Show, our goal is simple – offer engaging content delivering real-life value to every type of facility and golf professional, so that when an attendee returns from the PGA Merchandise Show they can produce an immediate, positive impact on their business and the health of the game overall," said PGA Worldwide Golf Exhibitions Group Vice President and General Manager Ed Several



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Al Hana Hotels & Resorts implements new corporate branding strategy as it seeks to capitalize on estimated AED73 million Gulf spend on annual vacations



The organisers are delighted to confirm that Rosneft Vice President Mikhail Efimovich Stavskiy has been appointed Chairman of the event's Executive Committee, which includes high-level representatives from companies including Rosneft, RITEK, Gazprom-Neft, SibNAC (Siberian Scientific Analytical Centre), Chevron Neftegaz, TNK-BP, ExxonMobil Russia, Statoil, Shtokman Development AG,

Russneft, Salym Petroleum Development, IRDC, Schlumberger, Halliburton, Weatherford, Oil & Gas Research Institute, Modeling Technologies Center, State Reserve Commission of RF, Russian Society of Petroleum Engineers, Burovaya company Eurasia, Gubkin Russian State Oil & Gas University, Moscow State University, and the Oil & Gas Industrialists Association of Russia.



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FIEO appealed to Government to immediately suspend export of raw cotton

Mr. A Sakthivel, President, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) appealed the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Finance Minister, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Commerce & Industry Minister, and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry to immediately suspend export of raw cotton at least up to the end of current financial year in the larger interest of country's export of textiles, apparel and made ups. President said that the basic raw material cotton plays a major role in the textile industry which accounts for more than 60% of our fibre. Apparel, made-ups and fabric exporters requires cotton varn at competitive rate to compete with China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam etc., where textile industry has been provided huge stimulus and many of them beat us in international market by importing raw cotton from India. He drew the attention of the Government that the exports data released yesterday shows a decline of 11.4% in October as compared to the same figure last year. However, exports of readymade garments exhibited a decline of whopping 30% from US \$ 732 Million in Oct 2008 to US\$ 517 Million in Oct 2009. President FIEO added that since textile is the next biggest employer after agriculture in India, decline in exports may have serious ramification for the economy particularly when monsoon was also below average in few meteorological zones of the country.

Mr Sakthivel in his appeal to the Government said that during cotton year 2008-09 (October-September), the Government increased Minimum Support Prices for cotton by around 43% compared to the previous year and this led to substantial increase in cotton prices last year. The same MSPs have continued for the current year. With increase in cotton consumption and apprehensions of a lower crop in the country because of the vagaries of the monsoon, cotton prices have increased substantially during the last few weeks . The unhealthy increase in domestic cotton prices has resulted largely from speculation by international cotton traders who have cheap capital available from global sources and there fore have an advantage over Indian mills and even Indian traders. There are reports that nearly 20 lakh bales of cotton has already been bought by traders for exports pushing up domestic cotton prices in the process. Operation of Minimum Support Prices ensures that cotton farmers get remunerative prices for their produce. Increase of cotton prices in the market through speculation basically helps only traders at the cost of both the farmers and the textile industry.

President FIEO said that The Indian economy largely depends on the cotton farmers and the textile industry and therefore, the Government

should take care of the interest of both the segments. The cotton textile industry was not only neglected but also saddled with high cotton cost, miserably failed to compete with the multinational cotton traders during the peak season and ultimately end up paying very high prices to the same traders even for the domestic requirement. Over 18 lakh bales of new crop has already been covered by a few large traders for export which has skyrocketed the domestic cotton prices in a week's time. Already export contracts for over 10 lakh bales have been registered with the Textile Commissioner and more registration pouring in. Suspending cotton exports temporarily will help textile sector to sustain in the global export market. President said that while raw cotton exports yield about Rs 65/kg, exports of ready made garments fetches about Rs 450/kg on average basis which results in 700% value addition besides having spin off effect on economy particularly on employment.

President FIEO further said that November to March is the most crucial period for our cotton economy since most of the best quality cotton produced in the country comes to the market during this period. As the quality is a main determining factor to sustain in the global market, any fall in cotton quality will have a detrimental effect on garment exports, President FIEO cautioned.





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RAJASTHAN ROYALS

The Rajasthan Royals today announced the appointment of their new Chief Executive Officer, Sean Morris. Former Hampshire player, Sean Morris (41), has been appointed Chief Executive of Rajasthan Royals. Morris had six seasons at Hampshire in the 1990s before injury curtailed his cricket career. Following his retirement from professional cricket, he joined Dunlop Slazenger where he was responsible for establishing Slazenger as a leading UK cricket brand. Part of Slazenger's success came through the strong supplier relationships established with Indian cricket manufacturers.

In January 2008 Sean was appointed as CEO of the Professional Cricketers Association (PCA) where he guided the PCA through possibly the most turbulent period in the game's history and amidst this backdrop he built bridges with all the major stakeholders in the game including the ECB, the MCC, the Counties, the ICC and the IPL. His involvement in the England team returning to India after the Mumbai attacks and his delivery of a window for England players to participate in the IPL demonstrates his close affinity with Indian cricket

Sean will assume immediate responsibility for the Rajasthan Royals, and he will be particularly focused on development of the brand outside of India

Manoj Badale, Chairman of Rajasthan Royals said: 'Sean represents a great addition to the outstanding existing management team. He brings a strong mix of skills, and a real enthusiasm for the IPL. His international experience and relationships afford us great scope to continue to build the brand across the world.'

Shane Warne, Captain of the Rajasthan Royals, said: "I am delighted that Sean will be joining the Rajasthan Royals management team. He is well respected by players around the world and we look forward to him helping us build on the phenomenal successes that we have enjoyed so far".

Sean Morris, CEO said: "The Rajasthan Royals are a huge success story and I am thrilled to be joining such a progressive and successful organization. On the field they are the most innovative and charismatic IPL side and have developed a huge international following. The vision and professionalism of the Club is second to none, and I look forward to working with the players, the board, our sponsors and the fans to build on the huge achievements so far."

About Rajasthan Royals:

Rajasthan Royals is the Jaipur franchise cricket team that represents the state of Rajasthan & Gujarat in the Indian Premier League. The team is led and coached by Shane Warne. The team's mascot is a lion named Moochu Singh. The Rajasthan Royals team embodies the spirit of the Rajasthani people of valour, courage and honour both on and off the field. Rajasthan Royals won the inaugural Indian Premium league held in April-May 2008







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