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FLYING COLOURS CORP. COMPLETES FIRST BLACKHAWK MODIFICATION ON KING AIR C90.

Flying Colours Corp a leading global aviation service company specializing in aircraft completions, maintenance and refurbishment has completed and delivered its first turboprop Blackhawk modification following the signing of a service agreement with Blackhawk Modifications Inc. at the NBAA 2011 conference.

The first project, which completed at the end of February, entailed modifications to a privately owned King Air C90 at Flying Colours Corp.'s Peterborough location. The aircraft underwent a series of maintenance, avionics and interior modifications which have improved cost effectiveness and performance from the aircraft. The principal modification to the turboprop involved a full Blackhawk XP 135A engine upgrade which provides increased true air speed, maximized aircraft range and supports more efficient climb rates. The engine upgrade also reduces maintenance requirements in the future. Operating costs and safety systems were also enhanced following a complete fuel cell replacement, a general propeller overhaul and a full radar upgrade.

A number of interior modifications took place in parallel to the external work. The aircraft underwent an aft electric toilet modification, which allows for more efficient waste management and passenger comfort. The wood

work throughout the aircraft was completely refinished and there were numerous soft furnishing enhancements.

"The first modification under the new agreement with Blackhawk has gone to schedule and demonstrates that Flying Colours Corp. is committed to providing this essential service to King Air & Caravan owners and operators. With a relatively high number of these aircraft types in Canada we anticipate the benefits of the modifications, and convenience of having a local service centre in Canada, will be welcomed by the local owners and operators," said Sean Gillespie, Director of Sales and Marketing Flying Colours Corp.

"We are delighted that Flying Colours have completed their first XP 135 installation under our new agreement. The aircraft was completed on time and delivered to high customer praise, which is precisely what we are looking for in all our distributors," stated Bobby Patton, Blackhawk Modifications Director for International Distribution.

Flying Colours Corp. and Blackhawk are currently in the process of negotiating and finalizing future Blackhawk modifications to be completed at Flying Colours Canadian Base.



Players will perform in the main atrium from 6 to 10 pm daily

Bawadi Mall to host bar Gymnastic shows from March 28-April 6

Al Ain, UAE, 29th March 2012: Bawadi Mall, the largest shopping mall in Al Ain city is set to host exciting bar gymnastic shows in its huge main atrium from March 28 to April 6, performed by a renowned group of international gymnasts from 6 to 10 pm daily.

Khalid Shraim, Senior Marketing Manager, Bawadi Mall, said: "These performances will coincide with our "Win Daily" campaign. In addition, the mall will host other shows during this period to add the entertaining element to the shopping experience, which is expected to attract more than 1.5 million visitors until the end of "Win Daily" campaign on May 6."

"The weekends will be different for Al Ain visitors and its suburbs. We expect visitors from Oman as this period of the year has now become part of the people's culture living in this area," Shraim added. Bar Gymnastic is a sport in which players perform acrobatic moves using frames made of fibreglass with wood coating, or less commonly wood. This kind of sport is highly dependent on the human stamina and in case of group shows it depends on harmony between players.

"The 10-day show will cover two weekends which was planned to give people a chance to plan their visit. Al Ain in general is becoming a preferred location for people in the UAE, as people are increasingly looking for something different. We ensure that they don't have to drive endlessly to find parking or pass through circuitous pathways before entering the mall, because Bawadi Mall has been designed to offer easy quick access from its many entrances," Shraim concluded.

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Pitch Aircraft Seating unveils new light weight, modular economy seat Targets retrofit market

Pitch Aircraft Seating, the expanding UK-based aircraft seat manufacturer, is unveiling its new light-weight economy seat, the PF 2000, at *Aircraft Interiors Expo*. Designed for the high-density, single-aisle economy class retrofit market, this clean line seat has been created by a talented team which calls on a wealth of experience in the automotive and aviation market.

Developed in co-operation with Intier Automotive, a division of Magna and leading automotive and premier aviation design specialists Design Q, Pitch's innovative seating solution weighs less than 25kg for a triple unit, thanks to the extensive use of lightweight composite materials.

The sculpted seat, designed to closely mould the human form and optimise knee and leg room, draws on the best of sports car design. Its curved shape gives an impression of greater space in the cabin while the backrest features a modular structure, giving airlines the flexibility for a fully integrated IFE package, an iPad carrier, or simply a high or low literature pocket. The seat back modules are interchangeable which means that a customer can choose to address demand for IFE later on, with minimal modification work. The family of seats includes variants for front, exit and rear rows and the fuselage taper section, while to aid entry and egress the front of the seat cushions are angled and the armrests can be deployed between the backrest cushions. The seat back is fixed in a semi reclined position, giving passengers control of their own space and ensuring a good level of comfort.

Pitch is confident that it is bringing its seat to market at the right time, when many airlines, with a close eye on rising fuel prices and fierce market competition are hesitant about committing a big outlay on new equipment. For its retrofit plans It is already advancing with plans to support the Airbus A320 family and the Boeing 737 series

“With a number of new-generation narrow body aircraft coming on to the scene some airlines are waiting to see how the market shapes up. The Pitch offering is a terrific solution for this dilemma. They can revamp tired cabins with our fresh light-weight seat, create more space and legroom as the fixed recline backrest of the PF2000 enables an extra 2.5 in of legroom over a standard economy seat. It is also available at a very competitive price,” said Pitch Aircraft Sales Director Stewart Corder.

Adopting automotive production techniques

Importantly, Pitch is aiming to deliver the seats in record time, an achievement made possible through adopting advances in automotive production techniques, the speciality of Magna, which over the past two years has been developing the production seat solution in conjunction with Pitch. Magna has developed a streamlined production plan for the seat and aligned its production control processes to meet with the appropriate aircraft industry requirements in conjunction with Tenencia Aerospace.

This will enable it to work toward lead times from placement of order to delivery in the region of 12 weeks.

Manufacture will be in a state-of-the-art facility in the West Midlands with a big emphasis on production tooling to ensure high quality. A reduced part count means fewer maintenance requirements.

Successful 16g dynamic test achieved

In January this year Pitch successfully passed an indicative 16g dynamic test and its message to potential customers at *Aircraft Interiors* this week is that it is on target to complete certification by the third quarter of 2012 with a view to starting production in the fourth quarter of this year. Sophisticated computer analysis has been employed to optimise the structure to ensure certification test success.

Pitch Aircraft Seating Chairman, Ken Baker commented: "Passing these tests has been a significant milestone for us. It reaffirms that we are on track with our computer simulations and certification plan. We are very enthusiastic about the serious interest we are seeing in our seat from a number of airlines and believe we have a winning product with this new offering."

Visit Pitch and experience the PF 2000 seat in Hall B5 Stand 5G50. Press Briefing today at 2 30 pm

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LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN BRINGS EAST AND WEST TOGETHER AS FLYING COLOURS CORP. STRENGTHENS ASIAN PRESENCE

Canadian-based Flying Colours Corp., the global aviation service company specialising in interior completions, maintenance and refurbishments, continues to strengthen its presence in Asia as it prepares to deliver three more new aircraft to the region. The latest trio of Bombardier Challenger 850 aircraft will bring the total number of aircraft completions delivered to the region by Flying Colours Corp. to seven.

The Bombardier Challenger 850s have undergone completion at both the companies Canadian and USA facilities with each aircraft taking approximately eight months, as scheduled, to finish. The 13-15 seat aircraft have included complex communications installations, stylish leather furnishings, high gloss exotic wood veneers, state-of-the-art In Flight Entertainment systems, and a number of client specific details. One of the completed aircraft will also feature both a vacuum waste and smoke extraction system, which were custom designed and integrated by Flying Colours for the 850.

The aircraft which are destined for private clients in both Mainland China and Hong Kong, will be operated by three different local operators and will be certified on the CAAC or Isle of Man registers.

The delivery of the aircraft will bring the total number of Challenger 850s completed by Flying Colours Corp. to ten. Seven have been destined for the Asian market whilst the remaining three have been delivered to Russia and the Middle East. A further five new 850s are currently in the pipeline and are all destined for Chinese based clients.

“We continue to see strong growth in the Asian market for primarily mid-large sized jet aircraft,” said Sean Gillespie Executive Vice President. “We are working with a number of major operators within Asia for a variety of mainte-

nance and refurbishment packages on larger Bombardier Challengers and Gulfstream models. We have already completed refurbishment of Global Express aircraft for the region too. The trend is definitely upwards in terms of continued interest from Asia and these mid-to-long range aircraft are in high demand in the Asian market”

Plans for new facility and training opportunities

Flying Colours Corp. is demonstrating its commitment to the region by attending this year's ABACE to be held in Shanghai, March 27th to 29th, where on booth number **H410** it will be talking up its ongoing plans to develop a long term presence in the region. With a local partner it plans to mirror the North American facilities at Peterborough, Ontario and St Louis, Missouri. “The region is key to our continued growth and we anticipate that our planned state-of-the-art facilities will be the first of its kind in Asia dedicated to full refurbishment, maintenance and completions,” said Gillespie.

Flying Colours Corp. is also planning to maximise its training collaboration with Canadian educational establishment Fleming College to benefit the Asian market. Through the college Flying Colours already offers an apprenticeship programme and looks to source new employees from this pool. It plans to bring a similar comprehensive refurbishment, completions and maintenance educational offering to the Asian region. “As the market continues to grow in the region we are keen to develop locally skilled teams in order to maintain the service offering we can provide to our local customers. Having a local team in place will improve efficiency, be cost-effective for the clients and will ensure that we are aware of the latest trends and needs from this expanding market.”



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