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HondaJet Receives Certification Europe

The HondaJet received type certification today from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Honda Aircraft Company announced the achievement during a press conference at the European Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition (EBACE), which is taking place in Geneva, Switzerland from May 24-26. Steven Higgins, EASA Section Manager for High Performance Aircraft and Turbo props, presented the type certificate for the HA-420 HondaJet to Honda Aircraft Company President and CEO Michimasa Fujino. "We are excited to achieve EASA certification for the HondaJet today. This certification signifies the HondaJet meets the highest European safety standards," said Fujino. "Our customers have shared that this aircraft is not only high performance, but intelligent, fun to fly and very sophisticated. HondaJet deliveries in Europe have begun, and we are excited to see the HondaJet enter service in this important market." HondaJet sales began in Europe after significant interest by customers wanting to own the world's most advanced light jet. The HondaJet received its type certificate from the United States Federal Aviation Administration in December 2015. Deliveries have included customers in the U.S., Mexico and Europe. Patrick Ky, EASA Executive Director declared: "This certification shows that the HA-420 HondaJet fully complies with the most stringent European safety

regulations and paves the way for its entry into service. It is the culmination of a particularly successful collaboration between Honda Aircraft Company and EASA. I wish a long and safe life in service to the HA-420." Honda Aircraft Company has established a strong dealer network to provide customers with the best service and support from day one. In Europe, Honda Aircraft has appointed three industry leaders with the expertise, service and capabilities to provide the highest level of customer service for HondaJet customers: Marshall Aviation Services (Northern Europe); Rheinland Air Service (Central Europe); and TAG Aviation SA (Southern Europe). The HondaJet is the world's most advanced light jet, and its distinctive design incorporates advanced technologies and concepts. The HondaJet Over-The-Wing Engine Mount (OTWEM) configuration, natural laminar flow wing, and composite fuselage were developed from long-term research activities. These innovations combine to make the HondaJet the fastest, most spacious and most fuel-efficient jet in its class. The HondaJet flies at a maximum cruise speed of 422 knots (486 mph) and has a maximum altitude of 43,000 feet. The aircraft is certified for single pilot operation and can seat up to six passengers. It is priced at \$4.85 million (U.S.) and has an NBAA IFR range of 1,223 nautical miles (1,408 miles).



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London Oxford Airport bucks the trend to achieve steady growth



London Oxford Airport retained its position as the sixth busiest airport for business aviation in mainland UK in 2015 and its *OxfordJet* FBO ranked fourth for aircraft throughput during the year, handling some 8,000 business aviation passengers. Its international business aviation arrivals were up 24.7% in April compared with the same period in 2015 and up 8.4% on movements for the year to date. Business jet activity overall (including domestic and international flights) was up 10.9% in April this year over the same period in 2015 and up 3% overall in the year so far. It also saw an uptick in the number of business jets interlining with helicopters headed for co-owned The London Heliport, which achieved its best year in terms of movements since 2008. The Heliport now sees nearly 20% of its movements associated with interlining for private jets eliminating all concerns about unpredictable surface transport to London's airports.

"What we are seeing is that the fleet mix here has changed," says Head of Business Development James Dillon-Godfray, especially with more Bombardier Challengers, Globals and Gulfstreams coming through. The Cessna Citation Excel/XLS continues to be the most popular business aircraft at Oxford, while smaller aircraft like the Citation M2 and Pilatus PC-12s have become more prolific in the line-up.

This April London Oxford Airport was formally certificated an EASA Airport, a transition from being under the UK CAA's jurisdiction, becoming one of a very few general aviation/business aviation airports to have made the transition in Europe, to date.

OxfordJet's FBO received IS-BAH accreditation (International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling) last autumn, which few European FBOs have so far and it is also in fuel partner Air BP's OMEGA compliance programme, (one of only three in UK), maintaining the highest standards of quality control and delivery of fuel. The airport is also OEM-trained and authorised for Gulfstream aircraft handling and altogether it is a leading business aviation airport for compliance on Safety Management Systems, quality control and standards.

Some 95% of business aviation traffic de-

parting London Oxford Airport is destined for prime European destinations, the top four being Paris, Malaga, Nice and Cannes. Other popular destinations include Zurich, Palma, Milan, Dublin, plus Bern, Chambéry and Olbia.

There has also been a notable increase in Middle East traffic with more movements from Abu Dhabi (Al Bateen Executive), Bahrain, Dubai, Beirut, Tel Aviv and growth on Moscow flights. The number of US arriving flights has also picked up these past 12 months.

Parallel with the growth in flight activity, London Oxford Airport has been pleased to welcome new tenant companies to the airport these past 18 months. These include Excellence Aviation which has opened a third party MRO supporting Bombardier business jets. Up and Airway enlarged its aircraft valet and washing service at Oxford Airport; Volare Aviation has also established a larger presence at Oxford with its growing business aircraft sales brokerage, now in its own hangar facility.

In March this year the rapidly growing flight training school, Airways Aviation established its new global headquarters at the airport having migrated their former operation from Coventry, to offer EASA approved training, as demand for high-calibre commercial flight training increases. Gama Aviation, which acquired former resident Hangar8 based at London Oxford Airport at the end of 2014, has been building up its MRO activity at the airport, focusing on Challenger, Globals, Hawker and Embraer Legacy types. It currently recruits a team of 25, headed by Base Manager Scott Corbett and plans to expand in parallel with the airport's growth.

"We have a well-positioned MRO network but we didn't have the capability for large jet services at our (Farnborough) base, so our business at Oxford represents a good strategic opportunity to extend the value we can provide our clients," said Duncan Daines, Group Chief Marketing Officer. "We are proud to have Oxford as one of our bases and will look to grow our services in line with our ambitions." London Oxford Airport is one of the primary London region options for the business aviation community. Coupled with the jointly owned and operated London Heliport at Battersea, it offers a unique package to clients using both fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Marshall

Marshall gains EASA approvals to support Cessna

Marshall Aviation Services, part of the Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, is pleased to announce it has increased its EASA Part 145 approvals with the addition of the Cessna Citation 560, Citation XL and Citation XLS at its MRO facility in Broughton, North Wales. The first maintenance input of a Citation XLS was successfully completed on 20th May. The additional types complement the Broughton facility's long-standing Hawker and Beechcraft work. Clive Prentice, Managing Director, Marshall Aviation Services (TS), comments: "We are very pleased to be fulfilling our strategy of widening the portfolio of aircraft to which we can lend technical services and MRO at Broughton and we plan to introduce further types in the near future."

C90 completes Marshall's King Air MRO Capability

The addition of the Beechcraft King Air C90 has completed Marshall Aviation Services' MRO portfolio of all King Air variants, following the granting of EASA approval for the type in March. The C90Gtx features added wing lets and an increased MTOW of 4,756 kg. Marshall has long-held EASA approvals on the King Air 200 and 300 Series, of which over 265 are operational in Europe. The design, manufacturing and maintenance capabilities of Marshall Aviation Services, coupled with the expertise of MADG, lend themselves to assisting both corporate and special mission operators.

Marshall expands EASA CAMO services portfolio with Challenger 604 and 605

Marshall Aviation Services has expanded the range of business aircraft types it supports as a Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisation (CAMO) with the addition of the Bombardier Challenger 604 and 605. As an approved CAMO, Marshall is responsible for ensuring the airworthiness of the aircraft it maintains for third party customers, performing regular checks to comply with all relevant airworthiness directives and taking responsibility for quality management and documentation tasks. Marshall Aviation Services in Broughton is a core part of the Marshall Aviation Services Group, with expertise in maintenance, aircraft interiors, avionics upgrades, as well as interior and exterior aircraft paint.

VIP airliner movements dominate Marshall's first year at Birmingham FBO

Marshall Aviation Services is marking the first year of operations of its FBO at Birmingham Airport having welcomed an increasing number of VIP airliner arrivals in the past six months. Resident VIP charter and ACMI operator Cello Aviation added a second B737-300 to its fleet from April, configured for 60-seats in a 43 to 47in seat pitch. The aircraft complements Cello's similar B737 and BAe Avro RJ, currently based in Birmingham, plus a regular B757-200 and B737-400 in VIP layout, More on Pg 3

ABS Jets ranked number 1 for maintenance services



At the recent Embraer Executive Operator Conference in Munich ABS Jets were ranked in first place for the provision of aircraft maintenance services and AOG support in the EMEA region. It was noted that ABS Jets were particularly effective in terms of response time and availability. This is a major achievement by ABS Jets following diligent work to continually improve and raise the standards of maintenance work the company offers.

Maintenance is a key part of ABS Jets business, the company's facilities include 4000 square meters of hangar space and support up to 48 aircraft all taken care of by 51 qualified technicians. ABS Jets has maintenance facilities in Prague and Bratislava and is an Embraer approved service center. They have experience in working with and delivering global 24/7 support for a wide range of aircraft.

ABS Jets CEO, **Vladimir Petak** was very pleased to be advised of the number 1 ranking, he said "It is very gratifying to be known as the number 1 maintenance provider. This is great news and a wonderful reflection on the hard work by everyone at ABS Jets in providing the maintenance work of such high quality and excellent standards of service."



ABS Jets Technical Director, **Thierry Barré** added "This demonstrates the progress we have made at ABS Jets with our maintenance facilities. It is taking time, investment, training and a lot of hard work but these results are well worth it." ABS Jets are exhibiting at EBACE, booth number V044.

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regularly flown in by GainJet of Greece. In order to accommodate the larger jets, investment has been made to widen our taxiway to allow live aircraft movements close to the FBO doors.



MAS attracts Air Alliance as new long term tenant at Birmingham FBO

Marshall Aviation Services has welcomed Germany's Air Alliance Express AG & Co to its Birmingham FBO as a new tenant company. The 22-year old business has expanded into the UK and established an aeromedical office at the MAS facility, headed by Director of UK Aeromedical Services, Jane Topliss. Air Alliance is basing two Learjet 35As in Birmingham.

Air Alliance's UK-based team provide 'bed to bed' care from the moment of collecting the patient until his or her handover at the hospital. "In the heart of the UK Birmingham is an ideal base for us. It is a great centre for aerospace operations, offering excellent facilities and purpose built to meet our needs. It is conveniently centrally located with good road links so many major trauma centres which can be reached relatively swiftly," commented Jane Topliss.

Marshall Aircraft Sales

Marshall Aircraft Sales has achieved a good six months with its used aircraft transactions, tracking above budget in the year to date This month two further aircraft were added, both being special mission equipped King Air platform, listed for an overseas government.

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group wins Queen's Award

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group has won a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category. The award recognises how, during the course of three consecutive financial years, Marshall saw an increase of almost 70% in its international trade More than half of its exports were engineering and support services to airframe OEMs, governments, Air Forces and commercial operators. Steve Fitz-Gerald, CEO of Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, commented: "It is a great honour to have won a Queen's Award for Enterprise, the most respected of all business awards, and be recognised for our role in the export of the UK's engineering capabilities - an immense boost to our employees. Marshall has built an enviable reputation the world over, and we are keen to do our part to strengthen the UK's Prosperity Agenda."

Marshall's strength in the international market place has a significant impact at home. The company, which employs more than 2,000 people, adds circa £100m gross value-added to the UK economy and spends over £140m in the supply chain to support its business; indirectly supporting a further 2,500 jobs (Buro Happold, 2014).



Flying Colours and CAE mark first project together



ROCKWELL COLLINS ROLLS OUT NEW INCENTIVES FOR KING AIR 350 PRO LINE FUSION® AVIONICS UPGRADE

Rockwell Collins today announced that its Pro Line Fusion® avionics upgrade for King Air 350s equipped with Pro Line II™ has been expanded to include Flight Management System (FMS) navigation database updates and coverage under its Corporate Aircraft Service Program (CASP) at no additional charge for three years.

The new bundled Pro Line Fusion upgrade is available now for a limited time through Rockwell Collins-authorized dealers. It also includes a manufacturer's warranty on new equipment that extends to three years. "This extremely competitive Pro Line Fusion bundle for legacy King Air 350s provides owners more peace of mind with essentially zero annual cost for avionics," said Craig Olson, vice president and general manager, Business and Regional Systems for Rockwell Collins. "Plus, upgrading to Pro Line Fusion modernizes the cockpit to closely match what is being delivered from the factory, which will provide much higher aircraft value in the long run."

Rockwell Collins' Pro Line Fusion upgrade for King Air 350 turboprops provides turn-key compliance with airspace modernization deadlines and transforms the flying experience with the largest wide screen primary flight displays available.

Pro Line Fusion is designed to be easily updated with software upgrades, and is architected to accommodate future technology enhancements, including Rockwell Collins' HGST™-3500 Head-up Guidance System, EVS-3000 Enhanced Vision System and Airport Moving Map. CASP is supported by a global dealer network of more than 250 facilities that service and repair Rockwell Collins' avionics and cabin systems. Highlighted features include:

- Unlimited exchanges, rentals and repairs
- Parts ship within 24 hours after order
- Inclusion of labor and overnight shipping in the U.S.
- Up to five no-fault found failures.

To find out more, please visit www.rockwellcollins.com.



Rockwell Collins introduces HD upgrades for outdated Gulfstream cabins



Rockwell Collins and AMAC Aerospace complete first CES to Venue™ cabin upgrade in Europe



Rockwell Collins' Future Airspace Navigation System (FANS) 1/A

