British Airways Engineering expands commercial training capabilities

State-of-the-art training courses for customers integrating Boeing 787s into their fleets

London, May 2, 2013 – British Airways Engineering, a leading Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) provider, has today announced that it is expanding its commercial Learning Academy to help customers as they bring Boeing 787s and Airbus A380s into their fleets. The first such course targets engineers wishing to qualify in 787 B1/B2 maintenance theory with the Trent 1000 engine. The first commercially available course, which commences on June 3, 2013, has openings for 16 students and will run for 35 working days.

The 787 training course and state-of-the-art classroom built to Boeing specifications is ideal for the commercial market, and draws heavily on British Airways Engineering’s extensive first-hand experience in aircraft maintenance.

The training rooms are equipped with virtual technology that is able to simulate aspects of the aircraft’s mechanical and avionic systems behaviour. This means engineers can explore and understand the workings of the 787 without having to leave the classroom. The facilities are capable of supporting more than six training sessions per year, scaled to cater for the high demand British Airways Engineering anticipates. Following the deployment of British Airways’ own 787 fleet, British Airways Engineering plans to offer additional training for the practical elements of the qualification.

Having already run the course for its own engineers, along with a sister course for the Airbus A380, British Airways Engineering is the first approved training school in the world able to deliver B1/B2 training for both the 787 and A380. It intends to offer A380 B1/B2 training on a commercial basis later this year.

David Smyth, Engineering training manager at British Airways Engineering, commented: “With so many operators integrating 787s into their fleets in the coming years, there will be a huge demand for associated training courses. We have invested heavily in our training infrastructure and personnel over the past few years to ensure that we are well placed to take advantage
of this commercial opportunity. Our mix of operational experience and skilled instructors will prove highly beneficial as we launch these services. We have already run the 787 course four times for British Airways engineers, meaning that our customers will benefit from what is already a mature course.”

British Airways Engineering’s Learning Academy supervises more than 28,000 training days per annum in its flexible classroom facilities that are fully equipped to support the revolution in new aircraft systems and software for the A380 and the 787. Services include theory training, practical training and engine courses for Airbus 318, 319, 320, 321 and 380, Boeing 747, 767, 777 and 787, as well as Health & Safety and industrial training.

Airlines and MRO organisations interested in finding out more about the range of training options available at the British Airways Engineering Learning Academy can now contact us via the dedicated phone number and email address: +44 (0)208 562 1022 / engineering.training@ba.com.

**About British Airways Engineering:**

British Airways Engineering has over 80 years’ experience of providing maintenance, repair and overhaul services to British Airways and global airlines. The company has invested in state-of-the-art aircraft maintenance, avionic, interiors and mechanical workshop facilities and has a worldwide reputation for engineering excellence. In addition to experience gained on all major Boeing and Airbus models, British Airways Engineering has developed capabilities for the B787 and Airbus A380 aircraft types.

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