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British Airways Engineering Signals Return to US Aircraft Interiors Market

Interiors and Safety Services Awarded FAA Part 145 Approval

Blackwood; Wales – British Airways Engineering, a leading Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) provider, has today announced that its Interiors and Safety Services subsidiary has received Part 145 Repair Station Authority certification from the Federal Aviation Administration. British Airways Interiors Engineering is now authorised to provide maintenance and repair for aircraft interior fittings including flight deck and crew seating as well as emergency evacuation slides, life vests and survival packs to aircraft operating within the United States.

With this accreditation, all of British Airways Engineering's services are now available to US airlines, marking a complete return to this key market for the company.

British Airways Engineering Interiors division is the last organisation to receive FAA approval under the current authorisation regime. From May 2013 all UK certification and oversight will be conducted by the CAA.

Brian Currie, GM for Interiors and Avionics at British Airways Engineering, commented:

“This Part 145 accreditation is a great achievement for the Interiors facility here in Wales, as well as for the wider engineering organisation. We decided to press ahead with FAA certification this year to signal to the market that we are ready and eager to open up to commercial opportunities, not least in the US market. These are exciting times for the company and I would like to thank all of our employees for their patience and hard work throughout the accreditation process, as well as the exceptional support provided to us by the FAA's Frankfurt International Field Office.”

John J. Clark, Aviation Safety Inspector at the FAA commented: “The FAA has the highest possible standards for MROs looking to become authorised in Part 145. It takes a lot of commitment from everyone in the company: from the shop-floor refurbisher right through to the General Manager, a commitment British Airways Interiors Engineering has shown in abundance. We have full faith in the company to uphold the highest requirements of safety in the international aviation industry and wish them all the best for their work in the US.”

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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, avionics, 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 380 aircraft types.

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