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Fleet development and renewal (I)

A major step forward in the development of the fleet was the commissioning of D-COKE for FAI rent-a-jet on June 30th 2008 by the German aviation authorities. After three months overhaul and modification phase to be re-fitted for dedicated air ambulance duty this Lear 35A will now enter operation from the home base Nuremberg and replace the presently used D-CFAI. D-COKE will, like the second Learjet 35A (D-CFAX), thanks to complete Raisbeck - and AVCOM - modifications, have a significantly improved flying range of 4100 km rather than the present 3500 km. Such performance improvements mean that for instance it will always be possible to reach destinations in the Canary Islands non-stop from Nuremberg, and that direct flights without fuel stop will be the rule from the Canary Islands to a variety of northern European destinations.



FAI's new air ambulance is easily recognizable with its striking red and white colors that illustrate the breadth of the scope of our air ambulance mission spectrum. Together with the lengthening of the tip tanks, the fuselage locker, the delta fins, and the ZR Lite technology of the wings, this image will certainly make the plane an eye-catcher on airports all over the world. The medical equipment on board D-COKE of course meets the same state of the art quality standards as all FAI rent-a-jet AG air ambulance aircraft.

Fleet development and renewal (II)

In addition to putting D-COKE in service, there have been several other moves made to further the development of the fleet in the last few months. After bringing into operation at the end of February a Lear 60 under a management contract for a mixed air ambulance and charter flights model, an additional Lear 60 was added to the fleet at the end of April to be exclusively dedicated to the executive charter business.



In June 2008, FAI then acquired a third Lear 60 that will complete the air ambulance fleet at the Nuremberg home base in the future. The present fleet thus consists of two modified Learjets 35A, four Learjets 55 (of which three are currently based in Africa supporting Peacekeeping Missions), and three Learjets 60.

Again very busy

With 265 air ambulance repatriations during the first half of 2008, compared to 261 for the same period in 2007, FAI rent-a-jet AG has started another successful year of operation (revenues up 22%!). Despite the recent stationing of a third jet in Africa and the resulting reduction in the size of the Nuremberg based air ambulance fleet, it was nevertheless possible to surpass the volume of the previous year. In addition 36 executive charter flights were carried out, and it ought to be possible with the expanded Learjet fleet to get over the 700 flight threshold for the current year.

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