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AirLinx Ambulance's hangar

FAI's fleet to expand

FAI rent-a-jet AG, the Germany-based operator, now holds one of the largest aircraft fleets in Europe. After adding the latest Learjet 40XR, the company now operates a Learjet fleet of 14. CL 604s, Global Express, CRJ 200LR and Falcon 900 DX EASY are also operated by FAI, providing a total fleet of 20 business jets. Siegfried Axtmann, chairman and founder, said: "With our brand new company-owned hangar and FBO facilities at Nuremberg International Airport in Germany, FAI now is more attractive for aircraft owners looking for a professional turnkey-management including maintenance, and there are some owners around not quite happy with their existing management company." FAI is expecting annual revenues for 2011 of more than €50 million reflecting a growth of approximately 20 per cent from 2010.

not exist and the decision was made to transfer the patient to Tanzania's capital, Dar Es Salaam, for treatment.

Our evacuations are usually carried out by fixed-wing aircraft. In this case, however, the dirt airstrip close to the hospital was unserviceable following the closure of the main road nearby, which had transformed the airstrip into a road diversion with heavy traffic.

Limited communications with the rural hospital and little-to-no support from the local police force to clear the airstrip left only one option – to dispatch the medical team in a helicopter from Wilson Airport. Instead of 50 minutes flying time in a Beechcraft King Air to the patient's location, the team was now looking at a two-hour flight by helicopter. Due to the patient's critical condition and the level of medical support required during the flight, a further onward transfer to Dar Es Salaam, with a four-hour ride in the helicopter, was not an option. AMREF Flying Doctors decided to position a fixed-wing air ambulance at Mwanza, an airport only 15 minutes by helicopter from the patient's location, for a wing-to-wing transfer. The plan was that the medical team would stabilise and pick the patient up from the rural

details of the patient's condition were vague and the team needed to provide intensive

to ensure that the King Air would be on the ground in Mwanza in time to receive the patient. On arrival at the town where the small hospital was, the helicopter circled overhead to identify a landing spot. (The crew could see the airstrip above with lots of cars driving up and down the dirt field right next to the hospital was identified for landing and everything looked calm and peaceful from the air. To the crew's surprise, however, the dust cleared from the landing area, then hundreds of local people who had gathered to witness the spectacle of a helicopter arrival for them was probably the most exciting thing they had happened all year. Initially, the crowd kept a distance, but soon curious children were running