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Corporate Flight Maintenance Relocates to Expanded Facility

SMYRNA – Demand for corporate and private aviation services has doubled in the last five years, and Corporate Flight Management is meeting that demand.

Increased demand for aircraft and flight services has led to increased flight hours and cycle-driven maintenance, services that CFM provides. CFM recently expanded its maintenance facilities, moving the shop from two relatively small hangars to a complex across the airport that features an 80 percent increase in hangar space and five times more office space.

“The main reason for this move was the lack of space. Additional expansion in the old location was out of the question,” said Leon Custers, CFM vice president for Maintenance. “This facility gives us the opportunity to increase productivity by consolidating our mechanics, managers and parts department into a larger, more efficient workspace. This will translate into improved job turnaround times for customers.

“Additionally, we are now better positioned to pursue venture opportunities,” he said.

One such venture involves CFM-led investment groups purchasing BAE Jetstream turboprop airliners for refurbishment and return to airline service, or conversion to executive configuration for sale to private and corporate operators. In 2007, CFM placed two J-41 airliners with an Australian regional airline. During the same period, a private customer contracted with CFM to purchase and convert a J-32 airliner into an eight-seat executive aircraft. A number of similar projects are underway in 2008.

CFM Maintenance is also the lead player in the company’s new Cirrus Central online gateway (see preview at www.flycfm.com/cirrus-central.cfm.) When completed, the Cirrus Central gateway will link owner/operators of Cirrus aircraft with CFM’s maintenance, pilot training and aircraft sales resources.

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