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**CARDIFF AVIATION APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Cardiff Aviation has appointed Joachim Jones as Chief Executive Officer, responsible for managing the company's MRO and training operations.

In what is a new position for Cardiff Aviation, Jones will focus on strengthening the company's MRO and global line maintenance provision, as well as developing new investment opportunities to secure long-term business growth.

Jones, 45, joins Cardiff Aviation after two decades of high-level experience in major aviation corporations. As former CEO of GulfCap Group's aviation division, he was responsible for investment programmes, airline turnarounds and business development. He has also held senior positions at other major airlines, including key account manager at Lufthansa Technik.

Bruce Dickinson, Chairman, Cardiff Aviation, says: "Joachim Jones is phenomenally experienced at developing major aviation businesses. I'm delighted to welcome him to the Board, as he'll enable our team and facilities to truly reach the massive potential of both our sites at St Athan and Cardiff Airport."

Jones says: "Cardiff Aviation has an eager, skilled and flexible team that can handle anything including C-checks on aircraft as large as a Boeing 767. That capability has already attracted major airlines, including TUI, into our hangars, who've been impressed by our standards. The UK has a shortage of MRO providers, so this is a very exciting time to grow a business with a great pedigree, and a very bright future."

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**Notes to editor:**

Cardiff Aviation is a fully-approved and certified MRO and pilot training company based at St Athan - Cardiff Airport Aerospace Enterprise Zone in South Wales, United Kingdom.

Operating from a former RAF maintenance base equipped with 6,000ft ILS runway and parking for up to 20 narrow-bodied airliners, Cardiff Aviation can conduct MRO work on aircraft of almost any size, including Boeing 757s and Airbus 320s.

The company's training centre at Cardiff Airport provides JOC, MCC and Upset Recovery training using its state-of-the-art Boeing 747 simulators.

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