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CAERDAV CONTINUES EXPANSION WITH MAJOR INVESTMENT IN NEW COMPOSITES AND PAINT WORKSHOP

News Summary:

- *Caerdav has commenced work on a standalone composites and paint workshop at its St. Athan base.*
- *Following significant investment, the project will renovate and refurbish Hangar 64, a currently unused building adjacent to the company's existing hangars and will feature 4,300 sq ft of additional workshop space.*
- *The new facility will open up a number of job opportunities in South Wales, with the company open to discussing positions with candidates with relevant composite experience, even if not in the aviation industry.*

In line with its long-term growth strategy, Caerdav has commenced work on a standalone composites and paint workshop at its St. Athan base. Planned to open in early 2027, the new facility will expand the company's maintenance support capabilities by significantly increasing its back shop capacity.

The refurbishment project will transform Hangar 64, a currently unused building adjacent to Caerdav's Twin Peaks hangars. The work will include the building of a mezzanine office level, alongside fitting out 4,300 sq ft of additional workshop space, with dedicated sanding and clean rooms, alongside a large paint spray booth that can be split to accommodate two smaller jobs.

Alan Steer, Base Maintenance Manager at Caerdav, says: "We're excited to get this project off the ground as it's another indication of how the business is moving forwards. The additional workshop capacity will allow us to deliver a wider range of services to customers with aircraft in the hangars and also third parties looking for support.

"Of course, an expansion of this size will need to be staffed, and we're proud to be bringing more job opportunities to the local area. In the current market, the goal is to find people with the right aptitude and mindset. They may not have aviation experience, but engineers, technicians and mechanics looking to make a switch to this industry should certainly get in touch."

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Helping customers to reduce costs, minimise downtime and extend component life, the new facility will include a dedicated team of Composite Technicians, Mechanics and new trainees, who will deliver specialist expertise in fibreglass, carbon fibre and metal to metal bonded repairs – supported by the expanded paint capabilities for smaller parts.

Set to open for business in early 2027, the development of the new workshop follows the opening of a fourth maintenance line at the start of this year.

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Notes to editor:

Caerdav is an independent, fully-approved and certified MRO based at the Cardiff Airport and Bro Tathan Enterprise Zone in St. Athan, 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, Caerdav primarily specialises in a full range of MRO work for Boeing 737 and Airbus 320 Family.

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