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## Azerbaijan Airlines signifies intent to award power-by-the-hour contract to A J Walter Aviation and British Airways Engineering for Boeing 787 component support

As airlines take delivery of the first of their first Boeing 787 aircraft, Azerbaijan Airlines selects this new comprehensive MRO solution to optimise its new fleet's operational performance

**London, 8 April 2013:** A J Walter Aviation (AJW), in partnership with British Airways Engineering, has been selected by Azerbaijan Airlines to provide power-by-the-hour component support for its new fleet of Boeing 787 aircraft which will commence flight operations in 2014.

Under the agreement, AJW and British Airways Engineering will provide extensive component supply, inventory management and repair services, underpinned by experienced technical support capabilities. This bespoke service for the new aircraft type combines the experience and technical excellence of one of the world's leading airline MROs, itself an imminent Boeing 787 operator, with the flexibility and customer-centric business approach of the world's largest independent component services specialist.

Together, AJW and British Airways Engineering offer Azerbaijan Airlines and other Boeing 787 operators immediate access to significant Boeing 787 inventory and a comprehensive range of support options, including line and phased maintenance, flight crew and technical training, MRO IT solutions, component pooling and power-by-the-hour support, delivering significant operational efficiencies.

Christopher Whiteside, President of A J Walter Aviation, comments: "Considerable numbers of these pioneering aircraft are due to be delivered over the next few years and airlines need to assess the best way to extract total value from their flagship fleet assets."

He added: "Azerbaijan Airlines is already a premier customer for AJW and one of the first to assess and plan for the introduction of this technologically advanced aircraft. We are proud to be working closely with them over the next few months to ensure all their requirements will be met."

James Murray-Smith, General Manager Material Services and Commercial at British Airways Engineering, commented: "By selecting A J Walter Aviation and British Airways Engineering for its Boeing 787 component support, Azerbaijan Airlines will be able to benefit from the unrivalled quality, expertise and breadth of knowledge of the British Airways Engineering team."

A J Walter Aviation is recognised globally for its customer-focused approach with award-winning 24/7 AOG and critical services. This wide-ranging experience will be applied to the Boeing 787 inventory solutions it is able to offer the market-place. British Airways Engineering is respected industry-wide for the depth and quality of its MRO expertise, including broad component overhaul capabilities and a highly skilled workforce, together with an extensive global network of line station operations.

### Notes to Editors:

A J Walter Aviation is a world leading specialist in the supply, repair and lease of commercial aircraft spare parts, including services in aircraft engines, aircraft inventory management; power-by-the-hour and pooling support; consignment stock; global 24/7 AOG; component maintenance and overhaul; consumable supplies; logistics and freight management. Further information is available at <u>www.ajw-aviation.com</u>

**British Airways Engineering** has over 80 years' experience of providing maintenance, repair and overhaul services to British Airways and global airlines. The company has invested in state-of-the-art aircraft maintenance, avionic, interiors and mechanical workshop facilities and has a worldwide reputation for engineering excellence. In addition to experience gained on all major Boeing and Airbus models, British Airways Engineering has developed capabilities for the B787 and Airbus 380 aircraft types. Further information available at <a href="http://www.ba-mro.com">www.ba-mro.com</a>

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