

Apple Aviation arrives at Aerohub

Apple Aviation Group (AAG), a successful, UK based aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) company has laid the foundations of its new hangar at Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport, the location of its base maintenance facility headquarters.

The new facilities within Aerohub, the airport's Enterprise Zone, will provide a large, bespoke space for AAG's increased operations. This will include a MRO hangar facility, bespoke teardown / parts processing facility, aircraft parking area and management offices totalling 150,000 sq ft which is part funded by the Government's Regional Growth Fund.

Kris Hopkins, Local Growth Minister, commented: "It is great news that Apple Aviation is moving to the Newquay Enterprise Zone. As part of our long term economic plan, the Enterprise Zone has quickly turned Aerohub into a jobs hotspot for the aerospace industry attracting private sector investment, skills training and more jobs opportunities for people in Cornwall."

Commercial Director of Apple Aviation, Bernard Longman, said: "Aerohub at Newquay Cornwall Airport has been selected as the site for our new MRO facility, due to the excellent infrastructure the airport has to offer plus the benefits of developing our new business venture within the Enterprise Zone. The MRO facility will include aircraft storage and recycling areas and AAG looks forward to building relationships with the local community and businesses, in addition to contributing to the economy in the South West."

Chris Pomfret, Chairman of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local

Enterprise Partnership, added: "This is a further milestone for Aerohub and builds on the 148 jobs we have already attracted since the Enterprise Zone went live in April 2012. With the zone's tax incentives recently extended by a further three years to 2018 and a streamlined planning regime in place, we are confident of attracting further investment and jobs."

Al Titterington, Managing Director at Newquay Cornwall Airport commented: "I am pleased to be welcoming Apple Aviation, a fixed wing MRO business to the Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport. Their presence is a positive addition to the current Aerohub portfolio and we believe their services will assist in attracting other aviation businesses to the airport's Enterprise Zone. Apple Aviation will bring exciting employment opportunities for skilled workers and will also provide extra revenue to businesses within the local economy."

Julian German, Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Economy & Culture commented: "This is further proof that Newquay Aerohub in particular, and Cornwall in general, are great places to do business."

AAG's arrival in Newquay is having a positive impact on the local community. The business has already recruited five new employees, three of which are from Cornwall. AAG hopes to double the number of new recruits by the end of the year, and if it should win a large contract, aims to have as many as 22 employees by the end of 2014.

AAG currently has an Embraer aircraft at Aerohub @ Newquay Airport under a long term contract for maintenance and storage. Soon they will see the arrival of both Airbus and Boeing aircrafts and hope to perform their first teardown at the airport in April, which will be a wide body aircraft.

Approved by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for EASA Part 145 Base/line maintenance and EASA Part M Continued Airworthiness Management and holding a bespoke permit from the UK Environment Agency for aircraft recycling, AAG currently operates at Manchester, East Midlands, Chester, London Heathrow, Norway, Istanbul, Jeddah, Paris and Brussels as well as other locations worldwide.

As England's only aerospace focussed Enterprise Zone, Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport already has a number of high profile clients within the 280-acre site and has ample development opportunities which include hangars and office buildings, as well as a business park. AAG has provided Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport with a highly reputable MRO capability along with the capacity to grow the site.

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Photo Caption: (Left to Right) Al Titterington (Managing Director of Newquay Cornwall Airport); Julian German (Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Economy & Culture and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member); Kevin Glenister (Quality Manager for Apple Aviation Ltd) on site at the Airport.

Notes to Editors

Enterprise Zones

Enterprise zones have the opportunity to attract investment, developments and jobs through a combination of business rate discounts worth up to £275,000 over five years for each business in the zone, simplified planning procedures and superfast broadband links.

Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport is being led by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership and Cornwall Council, as the owners of the airport and surrounding land. They have co-commissioned Cornwall Development Company, the Council's arms length development company, to deliver the enterprise Zone project alongside Cornwall Airport Limited as the operator of the Airport. www.aerohub.co.uk

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was launched in May 2011. Private sector-led, it is a partnership between the private and public sectors and is driving the economic strategy for the area, determining local priorities and undertaking activities to drive growth and the creation of local jobs. www.cornwallandislesofscillylep.com

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Regional Growth Fund

The Regional Growth Fund is a £3.2 billion fund designed to help companies in England to grow. So far £2.6 billion of funding has been allocated to support projects and programmes committed to deliver sustainable jobs and economic growth. Round 5 selected bidders will be announced in spring 2014. A sixth round is due to launch in the summer.

For more information, please go to www.bis.gov.uk/rgf.

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Cornwall Development Company is the arms length economic development company of Cornwall Council. www.cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk

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