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C&L Aerospace Completes Sale of Saab 340B+ to Air Rarotonga

BANGOR, Maine – C&L Aerospace, a C&L Aviation Group company, has completed the sale of Saab 340B+ MSN 368 to Air Rarotonga based out of the Cook Islands. A key component of the deal was C&L’s ability to trade in Air Rarotonga’s Saab 340A model and one CT7-5A engine to C&L.

“This seamless transition for Air Rarotonga, from a 340A model to a 340B model, was made possible through the experience and versatility of C&L’s worldwide Saab support operation” said Jameel Wazir, Executive Vice President of C&L Aerospace. In addition to the sale, C&L refurbished the aircraft’s interior, painted the aircraft’s exterior with Air Rarotonga’s livery, and completed all required maintenance checks and updates. C&L has been a long-time Saab partner to Air Rarotonga.

“We are just delighted with the standard of the aircraft and very grateful for the extraordinary effort the C&L team put into delivering it to us” Said Ewan Smith, Managing Director/CEO of Air Rarotonga. “As an Air New Zealand codeshare carrier, seamless introduction to the schedule, and the presentation of our new 340B+ is all important. Very happy customer right here.”

MSN 348 is one of ten Saab 340B aircraft C&L agreed to purchase from Japan Air Commuter (JAC) as part of their fleet renewal. Deliveries began in 2016 and will run through early 2020. Those aircraft are all being made available for sale or lease and will be refurbished or customized as necessary to meet customer’s needs.

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Air Rarotonga operates inter-island scheduled services throughout the Cook Islands. It also operates chartered flights to French Polynesia, Niue, Samoa and Tonga. It’s main base and hub is Rarotonga International Airport.

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