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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **First For Aviation Training In Malta**

Growth in the aviation sector in Malta in the last few years has attracted a number of foreign aircraft operators to our shores. Recent changes in Malta's legislation and the attractive working climate offered are the main incentives that make Malta a good place to do aviation business.

A niche market being developed by a local aviation consultancy firm BizAv Services together with their Swiss partners PrivatAir SA of Geneva is air crew training. This training involves a number of technical subjects in addition to survival training and service training for air crew.



The successful completion of a full cabin crew training course conducted entirely in Malta for a non Maltese airline marks a turning point in local aviation services. It was a first for Malta when ten foreign nationals graduated after an intense five-week initial cabin crew training course which was conducted locally.

BizAv director, Mr. Adrian Spiteri said that Malta's potential to host and deliver quality aviation training appears promising. "We are seeing considerable interest in Malta as a centre for a number of aviation activities, with airline crew training potentially making a significant contribution to Malta's success in this sector."

Victor Grove, PrivatAir SA' Senior Vice President Selection, Training & Customer Service, said "we are very interested in Malta and with the island's potential to offer excellence in the specialised field of air crew training. We plan to develop this niche market for the region in the coming years with our partners BizAv and other major players in the region."

Speaking for BizAv, Captain Philip Apap Bologna said that the sustained drive by Transport Malta and especially the Civil Aviation Directorate to build the necessary infrastructure to support a strong aviation cluster is starting to show positive results. Captain Apap Bologna welcomed Malta Enterprise's role in supporting various initiatives over the years and praised

Air Malta's Crew Training management, Malta International Airport Fire Section and the Corinthia Hotel group for their contribution towards developing Malta's aviation potential in the region.

### **About BizAv Services Ltd**

BizAv Services Ltd is a Malta-based aviation consultancy firm providing essential services in support of AOC and private operations. BizAv is managed by a team of professionals with many years of hands-on experience and expertise in flight and ground operations. With the development of Malta as a regional aviation centre, BizAv's services include management support in aircraft and operator authority approval processes, compliance management, training, and documentation preparation. Malta's ideal location in the central Mediterranean means that BizAv is well positioned to offer the regions of North Africa, the Middle East and Europe a unique opportunity for growth in aviation.

### **About PrivatAir**

PrivatAir is a leading international business aviation group with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and operating bases in Düsseldorf and Frankfurt (Germany), Copenhagen (Denmark), Brazzaville (Congo), Geneva and Zurich (Switzerland). The company has been in operation for over 34 years and currently employs 425 people.

PrivatAir is a comprehensive aviation group with three divisions delivering service excellence both in the air and on the ground: Scheduled Services, Business Aviation (Aircraft Management, Aircraft Charter, Aircraft Sales, PrivatJetFuel / Fuel Management, Ground Services) and PrivatTraining.

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