CENTRELINE INTRODUCES SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL AS PART OF CARBON NEUTRAL FLIGHT STRATEGY

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Bristol based aviation business Centreline AV Limited, has partnered with Air bp to supply Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) from its FBO at Bristol Airport. As the first non-network user and independent retailer of SAF in the UK, Centreline, a Pula Aviation Services Limited (PASL) business, has invested in the infrastructure to supply SAF as part of PASL's commitment to reduce the environmental impact of its operations with a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

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The fuel is blended with traditional Jet A1 meaning there are no differences in aircraft ground handling requirements or fuel efficiency for the aircraft it is supplied to. The fuel's journey to Bristol is also ensured by Air bp to be carbon offset. The SAF will reduce aircraft lifecycle carbon emissions by around 80% compared to the traditional jet fuel it replaces.

Gus Paterson, Chief Operating Officer at PASL and Centreline's Accountable Manager, says, "Our partnership with Air bp is a sustainable step forward for the PASL group as we remain committed to playing our part in reducing the impact aviation has on global carbon emissions. By offering our charter clients a SAF option we are making progress in being a carbon negative in air operation by 2025, as well as providing our FBO clients with the opportunity to make sustainable choices when refueling in Bristol."

With aviation currently accounting for 2% to 3% of manmade global carbon emissions, Air bp were the first fuel supplier to have into-plane fueling operations certified as carbon neutral, and were involved in fueling the first SAF flight by an airline in February 2008.

Air bp's long-established supply chain has delivered SAF to 18 locations over three continents and the lifecycle carbon emission savings are calculated to the point fuel is delivered to onsite airport storage facilities.

David Mosley, Sustainability Manager at Air bp, says, "At Air bp, achieving a low carbon future for aviation is a challenge we embrace wholeheartedly. We are delighted to support Centreline in supplying sustainable aviation fuel to their customers as they work towards reducing their emissions."

Richard Morrison, FBO Manager at Centreline, added, "We are pleased to now offer SAF for retail at Centreline. As SAF is blended with fossil jet fuel and does not require special equipment changes, it is a clean substitute that reduces the impact of air travel. With the same characteristics and specifications as fossil jet fuel, we are pleased to offer an efficient lower carbon alternative to our customers."

Simon Earles, Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Director at Bristol Airport, commented, "We are delighted Centreline has partnered with Air BP to bring sustainable aviation fuel in to Bristol Airport. We welcome their leadership and are committed to working with our airlines and other partners to accelerate our journey towards Net Zero."

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