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## BOMBARDIER'S LEARJET 85 AIRCRAFT TAKES FLIGHT

Bombardier Aerospace announced that the Learjet 85 aircraft successfully completed its first flight, achieving a major milestone in a business aircraft development program that will redefine the midsize segment. This first flight marks the start of the Learjet 85 aircraft's flight test program leading up to the first customer delivery.

The Learjet 85 flight test vehicle one (FTV1) was flown by Captain Ed Grabman, Chief Flight Test Pilot, Bombardier Flight Test Center; assisted by his co-pilot, Jim Dwyer; and Flight Test Engineer Nick Weyers. The flight departed from Wichita-Mid Continent International Airport at 8:19 am CST.

During its maiden flight which lasted approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes, the Learjet 85 aircraft reached an altitude of 30,000 feet (9,144 metres) and an air speed of 250 knots (463 km/h; 287 mph). All flight controls were exercised with the systems and aircraft performing as expected.



### Advertorial

## ABS Jets MARKS 10th ANNIVERSARY

ABS Jets reaches a milestone this year as it celebrates its 10 year anniversary. What began in 2004 as a humble aircraft charter and maintenance operator of two jets with a staff of twenty, has grown into one of the major players in European business aviation industry with a fleet of twelve and more than 200 employees. The company is now also providing flight trip planning, FBO and executive handling, aircraft sales and consulting, and it has one of the finest

maintenance departments in Central and Eastern Europe. Ten years have forged a solid ABS Jets out of challenges and opportunities and it has earned the reputation of a company that delivers premier quality of services and complies with the highest standards in the industry in every element of its organization.

"An organization builds relationships with customers called 'goodwill'. Part of goodwill is developed by customers knowing and noticing that staff members are motivated and well trained. People are a key competitive differentiator that has led to ABS Jets' success. Committed people deliver value to customers and drive customer loyalty, customers bring growth to the business, and growth offers opportunities to a company," says Vladimir Petak, CEO and Member of the Board of Directors.

Having been with the company from day one as a pilot, Stefan Kukura, Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot Embraer Legacy remembers: "ABS Jets was one of first business aviation operators in this region. You can imagine that the conditions were pretty tough; being first meant settling the rules and conditions of business aviation from scratch. Nowadays, ABS Jets is one of the very few companies in Central Europe that have the financial and human resources to support and implement the systems required to operate aircraft to the very highest level of safety and security. ABS Jets' pilots and crews are among the most qualified and well trained professionals in the industry who are internationally recognized."

"I remember when I came on board eight years ago; we had four people available for dispatch. There were times when we would do a dayshift of 14-16 hours, then go home quick, have a fast sleep, and be back again at our workstation at seven in the morning. Presently, we have twelve people for dispatch, always at least three at daytime and two at night," says Jan Kralik who currently is Director of Ground Operations and he continues: "Being an established business jet operator ourselves gives us competitive advantage to fully understand the needs and requirements of demanding business jet customers. We can see and evaluate our operations not only from the side of the service provider, but also from the client's side, because we are a very demanding client ourselves."

