

INDIANAPOLIS Jet Center

The Indiana operation's new name will be Comlux Completion USA.

Comlux Acquires Indianapolis Jet Center

Comlux The Aviation Group is acquiring Indianapolis Jet Center (Booth 4893) to give the Switzerland-based company a North American completion center for aircraft, other than the Airbus models it completes in Toulouse.

Comlux then will direct all of the completion work it is doing on business jet aircraft (other than Airbus models) to the 80,000-sq-ft facility Indianapolis Jet Center operates in the Midwest. About 125 employees

work there. Comlux also is setting up Comlux America LLC, and will rename the jet center Comlux Completion USA.

Randy Keeker, president of Indianapolis Jet Center, said he founded the company 30 years ago. Now with Comlux directing completion work to the facility, the stage is set for sales growth.

Comlux, an exclusive VIP charter operator, was founded in 2003, and Richard Gaona joined it last

year as president and CEO, after working as vp of Airbus's corporate jet program. Comlux operates three Bombardier Global Express aircraft, one Global 5000, one Challenger 605, two Challenger 850s, one Airbus Corporate Jet and one Airbus A318 Elite, according to Severine Cosma, Comlux marketing chief. The company finds that

Middle Eastern customers are most interested in owning and chartering Airbus corporate jets. The other aircraft are based in Zurich, Moscow, Prague, and Kazakhstan.

Cosma says that the completions center for Airbus corporate aircraft in Toulouse is owned 60% by Airbus and 40% by Comlux.

—David Hughes

IJC Claims First for China

"The first privately owned Chinese aircraft" was delivered in August to an unnamed real estate developer in the People's Republic, Indianapolis Jet Center sales vp Ed Harris told *Show News* yesterday.

The converted Bombardier CRJ200 is also the first of the type to be converted for business aviation use and delivered, Harris says, and the first to have been re-done

with multiple STCs.

The aircraft has already been accepted by CAAC, the Chinese aviation authority, Harris said.



Deluxe CRJ200 delivered in August.