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### Saab places a Saab 340A Cargo with RAF-AVIA of Latvia

**RAF-AVIA, based in Riga, Latvia, has decided to acquire a Saab 340A Cargo aircraft from Saab Aircraft Leasing. The aircraft will be used by RAF-AVIA for contract work in Europe starting in August.**

RAF-Avia has been analysing various options for over a year and concluded that the Saab 340 has the best credentials in terms of reliability, cost, and structural integrity as well as in the Cargo modification solution. The latter proved to be very important for RAF-AVIA as it was evident that a great deal of expertise was put into the design of the service bulletin package jointly developed by Saab Aircraft AB and Field Aviation of Canada.

“The Saab 340 is the best choice in the 3,5 tonne segment and a perfect complement to RAF-AVIA’s An-26B fleet that has a 5,5 tonne payload capability” states RAF-AVIA President, Mr. Jurijs Hmelevskis.

Michael Magnusson, President of Saab Aircraft Leasing adds, “Saab Aircraft Leasing is delighted to have been selected by RAF-AVIA to deliver the first Saab 340A Cargo aircraft to their current operation. RAF-AVIA has built its strong reputation by providing reliable and cost effective cargo operations for 15 years on the European market”.

Saab Aircraft Leasing sees great potential in the growing cargo market in Europe; especially in the new member states of the European Union. The Saab 340A Cargo Aircraft, with its combination of low cost, high reliability and backed by a comprehensive customer support structure, is uniquely suited to meet this growing demand.

RAF-AVIA started their Cargo operation in 1990. Their current fleet consists of 5 Antonov An-26B for Cargo operations and one An-74 for passenger charters. The An-26Bs are currently operated for contract work for some of the global integrators across Europe. RAF-AVIA also uses the type on cargo ad-hoc basis and for various mail contracts.

Saab Aircraft Leasing manages a portfolio of 289 Saab 340 and Saab 2000 aircraft leased to 25 customers in 13 countries. With 35 employees, the company’s head office is in Washington, DC and has regional offices in Stockholm, Sweden; Tokyo, Japan. SAL is part of the Saab Aviation Services Business Unit of Saab AB.

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