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PrivatAir to become new Airbus operator

Airbus has appointed business aviation specialist PrivatAir to run a corporate shuttle service for staff between its European production sites. Starting in April 2003, PrivatAir will fly Airbus employees and executives between Toulouse and Hamburg and Filton / Broughton. The routes will be served five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Two brand new Airbus A319s, leased from CIT Aerospace, a US-based leasing company and equipped with leather cover seats and with business class service offered on board, will be used for this service and PrivatAir will provide a complete turnkey operation.

"Our shuttle service provides enormous flexibility, security and professionalism and is a viable economic option for the right number of passengers," said Greg Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, PrivatAir Group. "With this business shuttle running five times a week, we will offer Airbus employees direct and more convenient access to their four main production sites in Europe."

PrivatAir has recognised a growing demand among corporations to move employees quickly between bases, and the company is able to supply shuttle services that meet any trip criteria.

"We are delighted that our first opportunity to become an Airbus operator has resulted in us flying Airbus people, between Airbus sites," concluded Greg.