



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Athens Airways received Air Operator Certificate (AOC)**

**On 16<sup>th</sup> of January Athens Airways received the Air Operator Certificate from the Civil Aviation Authority. The procurement of Air Operator Certificate signals the beginning of the company's flight operations at the end of January 2009.**

**Company's CEO, Sakis Andrianopoulos, expressed his satisfaction for the Air Operator Certificate: "The procurement of AOC means that we are ready to begin the company's commercial operation, implementing the plans we have made during the last months. Our first flight is scheduled for the last week of January, while we are waiting for the arrival of our second aircraft, in order to add new destinations within a short period of time."**

**Athens Airways first airplane arrived in Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2008. It is the first out of four Embraer 145 which the company has ordered until now.**

**ERJs 145 are 49 -seat, jet type aircraft with Rolls Royce engines. Very reliable, flexible, of low financial risk, they are ideal not only for domestic destinations, but also for neighboring countries, such as the ones which Athens Airways has selected for its beginning. Moreover, they are a smart and flexible charter solution.**

**Athens Airways' first destination is Alexandroupoli, followed by Thessaloniki, Mytilene, Rhodes, Mykonos, Santorini, Chania and Herakleion. Flights will expand until the summer, in order to include islands and big towns in Greece, as well as towns of neighboring countries.**

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