



bmi restructures route network

London, 25 November, 2009: bmi, Britain's second largest airline at London Heathrow has today announced a restructuring program that will see it suspend a number of routes as a result of unprecedented market conditions.

The route suspensions are as follows:

- London Heathrow-Tel Aviv. Last flight ex Heathrow 9 January 2010, last flight ex Tel Aviv 10 January 2010.
- London Heathrow-Kiev. Last flights 10 January 2010.
- London Heathrow-Aleppo. Last flight ex Heathrow 9 January 2010, last flight ex Aleppo 10 January 2010.
- London Heathrow-Brussels. Last flights 9 January 2010.
- London Heathrow-Amsterdam. Last flights 27 March 2010

From April 2010 bmi will end its lease agreement on two Airbus 330 aircraft which will mean that its London Heathrow to Cairo route will be operated using an Airbus 321.

Routes are being suspended to improve the profitability of bmi which is now 100% owned by Lufthansa who are committed to helping bmi restructure the airline to return it to profitability. Going forward, the airline will focus on routes serving oil, energy and emerging markets with a particular focus on Business Class customers and those visiting friends and relatives. The airline will maintain its current UK and Ireland network providing frequency for business travelers and feeder connections for its own network and that of Star Alliance.

Dominic Paul, bmi's Managing Director, said:

"We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience the route suspensions cause our customers and travel agents and would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have supported us on these routes for their loyalty and business. Agents holding bmi bookings on affected routes need to ticket by 1 December to be eligible for re-protection. Agents will be contacted from 2 December with re-protection options"

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