



DARYL TAYLOR JOINS AIRBUS AMERICAS U.S. MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN MOBILE

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Airbus today announced Daryl Taylor has joined its leadership team at the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility in Mobile, Alabama. Taylor will train at the aircraft manufacturer's assembly facilities in Europe before returning to transition duties and assume operational oversight of the facility as the Vice President and General Manager. The Vice President and General Manager is currently Dr. Ulrich Weber, who has been responsible for the construction and commissioning of Airbus' first manufacturing facility in the U.S.

The Vice President and General Manager of the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility is responsible for ensuring the assembly and delivery of on-time, on-quality and on-cost aircraft to customers. He also oversees the operations of all necessary systems and support staff in the A320 Family production facility. The position reports directly to Barry Eccleston, President of Airbus Americas.

"After an extensive and demanding search, we are pleased to welcome Daryl to the Airbus team," said Eccleston. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in aircraft manufacturing and facility operations which will ensure the A320 Family manufacturing facility in Mobile is successful,

an industry leader and provides a great product to our customers.”

Taylor comes to Airbus from GKN Aerospace where from 2013 until now he has been Vice President and General Manager of two facilities: Precision Machining, Inc. in Wellington, Kansas and Bandy Aerospace, Inc. in Burbank, California. From 2010 to 2013, Taylor was General Manager of the Q400 Program at Bombardier Aerospace in Toronto, Canada; and from 1997 to 2009 he held various roles at Hawker Beechcraft Corporation in Wichita, Kansas, including Director of Operations H4000, Director of Assembly Operations Hawker 900 & 750, and Director of Six Sigma & Performance Excellence. The appointment at Airbus is somewhat of a homecoming for Taylor—from 1989 until 1994 he was a Certified Engineering Apprentice at Airbus in the UK.

Taylor has a Higher National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering from Kelsterton College in the UK, and a B.S. in Manufacturing Technology from Southwestern College in Kansas.

Taylor, his wife and three children currently live in Kansas, but will relocate to the Mobile area in coming months.

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