



### **Emivest Aerospace Delivers Actor Morgan Freeman's SJ30, Serial Number 010**

Hollywood actor Morgan Freeman arrived in Dubai during the Christmas week while traveling in his new SJ30 to promote his new movie, *Invictus*. The award winning American actor visited the emirate to spend his Christmas vacation and officially receive his new Emivest Aerospace SJ30 private jet while he was in town.

"I've had my eye on the SJ30 for a while. It's fast, economical to run and will allow me to undertake long flights without having to stop for fuel all the time," said Freeman. "I have been extremely pleased with its range and overall performance. The sea-level cabin is really comfortable, which is an added bonus whenever I travel."

Freeman, who also has twin-engine Cessna 414 and Cessna Citation 501 SP jets in his hangar, has described the SJ30 as the final box to be ticked on his "Bucket List" The actor has been flying his own aircraft since 2002, and holds instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Before his silver screen success allowed him to buy his own planes, Freeman would daydream at school about piloting a fighter jet. Even though he subsequently joined the Air Force, he did so as a mechanic and it wasn't until he was 65 years old that he acquired his pilot's license.

Freeman's Emivest Aerospace SJ30 is a solution to longer, faster travel for the jet set. His aircraft has a custom paint scheme that reflects his other interest, his blues clubs located both in Memphis, TN and Clarksdale, MS. His aircraft has the Ground Zero Blues Club logo emblazoned on the tail with a complementing color scheme. Jet Works Air Center of Denton, Texas completed the paint scheme and outfitted the aircraft with HF radio with SELCAL, a coupled Garmin 500 with XM weather, XM radio, and a cockpit iPod interface. The aircraft is rounded out with a factory installed dual Mode S with enhanced surveillance transponders and a veneer cabinetry package. It is the light jet performance leader with a range of 2,500 nautical miles and the highest cruise speed in the light jet industry of Mach 0.83.

Buti Saeed Al Ghandi, Chairman of Emirates Investment and Development Company, who hosted the handover ceremony for the star, was especially pleased at the stellar status of Emivest's latest customer. "Mr. Freeman has an excellent knowledge of aircraft, and he immediately knew that the SJ30 would be perfect for him. It is such a pleasure to welcome somebody with such star billing to Dubai and to know he will fly one of our aircraft."

"It is exciting to fly the SJ30 in my world tour to promote for my new movie *Invictus* which talks about the South African leader Nelson Mandela. This will help in putting the spotlight on a UAE based company that manufactures very special private jets," Freeman concluded.

Mr. Freeman, seated with Mr. Buti Saeed Al Ghandi in the photograph to the right participated in the ceremony event and a press conference while he was in Dubai.

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Morgan Freeman (l) and Buti Saeed Al Ghandi, Chairman (r)

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The map above depicts the December travel for N30GZ – Made possible by the world's best performing light jet

Morgan Freeman's pilot Jimmy Hobson took initial delivery in San Antonio on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009. From San Antonio, Jimmy flew to Van Nuys, CA to provide Morgan's first flight in his own SJ30. From there they made their first flight to Peachtree DeKalb Airport in Atlanta. After completing the flight non-stop, they realized the true performance of their new SJ30.

They continued to fly in the US with stops in the New York City area, Clarksdale, MS, and Van Nuys, CA before embarking on their first international trip.

Morgan and Jimmy left Van Nuys on Nov 31<sup>st</sup> for Johannesburg, South Africa. Upon landing at Lanseria Airport they had completed the trip without incident with stops in Buffalo, NY, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Santa Maria, Azores, Cape Verde, Sal Island, Accra, Ghana, and Luanda, Angola.

They were very happy with the aircraft and completed a few stops in South Africa to Capetown and Durban before heading for Botswana for some other business.

Morgan then headed for Dubai via Nairobi, Kenya to participate in the Emivest Aerospace delivery ceremony at its corporate headquarters.

Upon the completion of their visit to Dubai for the Christmas week they returned to Van Nuys via Egypt, Italy, Spain, the Azores, St. Johns, Newfoundland, and Sault Saint Marie, MI.

Both Morgan and Jimmy commented that they enjoyed their week's long travel and now understood what a good decision it had been to wait for their SJ30. It is truly the only aircraft that could have completed this trip in the time that they wanted. In all, the pair flew just over 31,000 nm in 35 days.

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Morgan's SJ30 is pictured to the right as it taxis out on its first flight after being delivered in San Antonio, Texas.



Serial Number 010 Taxis After Delivery

### Emivest Aerospace Donates Gifts for Christmas

- Emivest Aerospace employees again demonstrated their dedication to the local community and the ideal of everyone having a good Christmas by collecting Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Program.

Belinda Perez, Manager of Human Resources, helped to organize the affair and was very satisfied with the outcome. The Emivest contributions provided Christmas gifts for ten families in San Antonio.

Emivest Aerospace prides itself as a company that gives back to the community and is always eager to lend a helping hand.



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