

J O HAMBRO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD  
Form 3  
April 14, 2003

**Form 3**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

OMB APPROVAL

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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(Print or type responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
<b>J O Hambro Capital Management Group Limited, J O Hambro Capital Management Limited and Christopher Mills (1)</b>		
	(Last)	(First) (Middle)
<b>Ryder Court, 14 Ryder Street</b>		
	(street)	
<b>London SW1Y 6QB England</b>		
	(City)	(State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event  
Requiring Statement  
(Month/Day/Year)

**4/9/2003**

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**Mercury Air Group, Inc. (MAX)**3. I.R.S. Identification  
Number of Reporting  
Person, if an entity  
(voluntary)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. If Amendment, Date of  
Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b>			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<b>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>687,200</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>(2)</b>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 5(b)(v).

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

(1) This Form 4 is filed jointly by J O Hambro Capital Management Group Limited, J O Hambro Capital Management Limited and Christopher Mills (the "Reporting Persons"). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to indirectly own in excess of 10% of the outstanding Common Stock of the Issuer.

(2) The securities listed in the table are owned by American Opportunity Trust plc, The Trident North Atlantic Fund and certain private clients of J O Hambro Capital Management Limited. The inclusion in this report of securities listed in the table shall not be deemed an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is for the purpose of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of such securities, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Christopher Mills

April 9, 2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

/s/ R. G. Barrett

April 9, 2003

as Director of J O Hambro Capital Management Group Limited and J O Hambro Capital Management Limited

Date