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German Navy NH90 Sea Lion performs maiden flight

On 8th December, the NH90 Sea Lion naval multi-role helicopter took off on its on-schedule maiden flight at Airbus Helicopters in Donauwörth. Wolfgang Schoder, CEO of Airbus Helicopters Deutschland; Ralph Herzog, Director in the Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw) and Vice Admiral Andreas Krause, Chief of the German Navy welcomed this important milestone in the programme.

"We are proud to be delivering this state-of-the-art naval helicopter to the German Armed Forces on time," said Wolfgang Schoder. "This new generation of NH90 naval helicopters, the Sea Lion, has benefited from experience gathered by other countries who have been using it." The NH90 Sea Lion has an increased number of sensors and improved navigation and communications equipment, which means that this military helicopter will also be able to operate in civil air space. The military friend/foe identification has also been updated to the latest standards.

For the BAAINBw in Koblenz, the Sea Lion is also a special project: "We need to keep to a tight schedule if we

are to replace the Sea King in time.

This requires all those participating in the project to coordinate quickly and efficiently to achieve this," explained Ralph Herzog. "By using an existing NH90 model as the basis for the Sea Lion and adding the required additional functionalities to it, we have been able to significantly reduce the delivery process. This model is also configured not only to be an adequate replacement for the Sea King but is designed so that it can be adapted to future roles."

"The Navy is looking forward, as the first customer, to be receiving the NH90 Sea Lion on time by the end of 2019," said Vice Admiral Andreas Krause. "We are now expecting a successful test phase." Meanwhile, the Navy is preparing intensively for the acceptance of the helicopters with technical and flight personnel already training. Further measures have commenced at their future home, the Nordholz naval air base. Infrastructural changes and new buildings are necessary.

Deliveries of NH90 Sea Lions to the Navy will start at the end of 2019. When deployed, it will take on a range of roles including search and rescue (SAR) mis-

sions, maritime reconnaissance, special forces missions as well as personnel and materiel transportation tasks. The German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) have ordered 18 of these helicopters altogether, with the last due to go into service in 2022. The second NH90 Sea Lion awaiting qualification testing is currently at the final assembly stage and series production at Donauwörth will commence in the summer of 2017.

In addition to its land-based use in SAR missions, the NH90 Sea Lion is also intended to operate on Type 702 (Berlin class) combat support ships.

Thanks to its multi-role capability and future proofing, the Sea Lion will not merely replace the Bundeswehr's Sea King Mk41 fleet but significantly enhance the Navy's operational capabilities. The electronic fly-by-wire flight controls of the NH90 Sea Lion reduce the crew's workload. Other benefits of this control system are its high precision and ease of use, which particularly come to the fore in over-water hovering, even in poor weather conditions.

The NH90 Sea Lion shell is manufactured from advanced, high-strength composite materials. This offers optimum protection for the crew thanks to its excellent crash behaviour.

Five nations are already using the naval NH90 NFH (NATO Frigate Helicopter). They have already completed more than 30,000 flying hours with the 69 helicopters delivered so far: in humanitarian and SAR and military missions on land and on board naval vessels. The German NH90 Sea Lion programme has greatly benefited from the experience gained from these operations. Altogether 129 NH90 NFH helicopters have been ordered; the total for all NH90 models comes to 515. The whole NH90 fleet comprising 296 helicopters delivered so far has already completed over 120,000 flying hours. ■

AFI KLM E&M provides component support for AirAsia's A320neo



On the 8th of December 2016, AirAsia and AFI KLM E&M inked a component support agreement for the airline's fleet of Airbus A320neo passenger jets, in the end scheduled to number 304 aircraft. AirAsia took delivery of its first A320neo on 7 September 2016 in Hamburg.

Signed in the presence of AirAsia Group CEO Tony Fernandes and Air France CEO Franck Turner, the contract between the two businesses includes component repair services and answers designed to maximise aircraft availability, which includes the provision of a local main base kit at AirAsia's Kuala Lumpur facility.

To earn the trust of AirAsia, the arena's largest low-value service through passengers carried and jet fleet, AFI KLM E&M came up with an extremely-competitive support offer, particularly tailored to the expectancies of the carrier, which changed into seeking out maximum aircraft availability. With its reveal in of large-scale support, whether for its discern airlines or its third party airline customers, AFI KLM E&M is able to provide maintenance solutions for very big fleets like that operated by AirAsia.

At the signing ceremony held in Sepang, Malaysia, AirAsia Group CEO Tony Fernandes said: "We are delighted to find a strong partner in AFI KLM E&M and one that is as dynamic as us. Operating a new-generation

aircraft at such a large scale requires adaptive, world-class support, and we have the utmost confidence that AFI KLM E&M will be able to provide us with the responsiveness, reliability and performance needed."

AirAsia has already had an opportunity to check the effectiveness of the MRO solutions delivered by AFI KLM E&M, which presently provides component support for the fleet of A330s operated via AirAsia X, the AirAsia's budget long-haul subsidiary. Up to now, that support contract has given the carrier total pride, with the initial agreement signed in 2009 being extended in 2013.

Air France CEO Franck Turner added: "We are very honored that AirAsia is extending its trust to us by awarding AFI KLM E&M with the support of its brand new A320neo fleet. I know that with Anne Brachet, AirAsia will find a careful and trusted partner for many years to come."

For her part, Anne Brachet, EVP AIR FRANCE KLM Engineering & Maintenance, said: "This outstanding contract is further proof of the quality and reputation of the aircraft maintenance services that we provide. Following the fruitful partnership with AirAsia X, we are proud to welcome its parent airline, AirAsia, to our client portfolio and will strive to develop the same kind of trust-based partner relationship with it." ■

CMIG Leasing receives delivery of China's 100th helicopter

CMIG Leasing received a brand new H125 helicopter from Airbus Helicopters in Marignane, France, making it the 100th Ecureuil family helicopter to perform in China's skies.

This helicopter could be operated by the Shanghai Skyway General Aviation Company (Skyway GAC), one of the pioneers in China general aviation, with a fleet of 7 H125. Skyway GAC will deploy this new helicopter for power line surveillance, geographic surveys and aerial videography missions in the country.

"We have been utilizing Airbus Helicopters' aircraft for many years, and we are confident that we can immediately benefit from the Ecureuil helicopter family for its outstanding performance, reliability, safety, and multi-mission capabilities, coupled with CMIG Leasing's strong financial solution", said Wang Bei, Chairman of Skyway GAC.

"CMIG Leasing is committed to providing robust helicopters leasing solutions to meet the dynamic general aviation market growth in China. Partnering Airbus Helicopters, today's delivery testifies to the marriage of an advanced and innovative product range from Airbus Helicopters, and a solid leasing portfolio from CMIG, that enhances value for our customers", said Wang Rong, CMIG Leasing Chairman.

CMIG signed an agreement with Airbus Helicopters in 2015, to acquire 100 H125 and H130 Ecureuil aircraft over 5 years, with first deliveries beginning in 2016.

"We are delighted to see 100 aircraft of our Ecureuil family now flying in China, which reinforces Airbus Helicopters' leading position in China's civil and para-public helicopter market", said Marie-Agnes Veve, Head of Airbus Helicopters China. "In 2015, Airbus Helicopters secured 75% share of the single-engine helicopter market in China. We are confident that our proven and reliable helicopter solutions will add long term growth value to the operators here in China, as the country progressively opens its skies to more helicopter activities."

Airbus Helicopters' Ecureuil family is the primary and only single type of helicopter fleet, with 100 rotorcraft operating in China's fast-developing civil and para-public markets. Accumulatively, the Ecureuil family has clocked over 85,000 flight hours in China. The H125 outclasses all different single-engine helicopters for its performance, versatility, safety and low maintenance, while excelling in high altitudes, and in hot and extreme environment. It is a proven rotorcraft with successful deployments in power line, fire-preventing, geographic survey, agriculture, video-filming and passenger transportation in China, while the H130 is a growing megastar in HEMS (Helicopters Emergency Medical Services), tourism in addition to aerial work missions. ■

20 Bell Helicopters signed by Heliservicio for progressive customer service solution

Bell Helicopter, a Textron Inc. Enterprise, announced Heliservicio as the launch customer in Latin America for its Customer Advantage Plan – signing its large fleet of 20 Bell 412EPs for the revolutionary support solution.

Heliservicio is an oil and gas company inside the Gulf of Mexico, primarily based at Ciudad Del Carmen. Since its founding in 1977, it has accumulated near one million flight hours. The company is a long time operator of Bell helicopters. Heliservicio's fleet transports more than 1.1 million passengers every year.

“Since the beginning, Bell Helicopter has provided us with world-class customer support,” said Alfredo Miguel Bejos, president of Heliservicio. “With no buy-in for our fleet, Bell Helicopter's Customer Advantage Plan is a game-changer in the way our helicopters are supported. It provides us with peace-of-mind, knowing we are covered for our maintenance events now and well into the future.”

Heliservicio is supported locally with the aid of its sister company, Servicio

Técnico Aéreo de México (STAM), a Bell Helicopter Authorized Service Facility (CSF) and its discern agency, Compañía Inversora Corporativa S.A de C.V. (CIC), a Bell Helicopter Authorized Independent Representative.

“We are delighted to provide Heliservicio with a reliable solution to bring enhanced support to its fleet and operations,” said Glenn Isbell, executive vice president, Customer Support and Services for Bell Helicopter. “Bell Helicopter has a shared history of success with Heliservicio, STAM and CIC, and we continue to invest in supporting their success with products and services that provide the most value, responsiveness and cost competitiveness for their operations.”

“Heliservicio has had tremendous success in Mexico with Bell 412s and Bell 429s. They are well known for their reliability and multi-mission capabilities,” said Jay Ortiz, Bell Helicopter's vice president of Latin American sales. “We look forward to strengthening our relationships in Mexico and continuing to support our

customers' missions.”

Bell Helicopter's Customer Advantage Plans, supported by Able Aerospace Services, another Textron Inc. company, and its industry-leading overhaul and repair solutions, provides customers with comprehensive coverage solutions for their daily operations. The plans offer a fixed cost per flight hour service option that offers predictable maintenance costs, priority access to parts and assemblies, and ease of maintenance and planning.

Regarded for its industry-leading customer support, Bell Helicopter provides its customers with local support in every nook of the world and has the largest support network in the industry with more than 100 Authorized Customer Service Facilities in 34 countries. Bell Helicopter is dedicated to having sources in which customers operate to speed up delivery of service and support, and gives customers access to service professionals that are easy to attain, recognise the operating environment and understand their needs. ■

Philippine airlines and Bombardier Finalize Order for 12 Q400 aircraft

Bombardier Commercial Aircraft introduced that it has finalized a firm purchase agreement with Philippine Airlines, Inc., flag provider of the Philippines, consistent with the Letter of intent announced on October 14, 2016. The purchase order includes a firm order for five Q400 aircraft and purchase rights for an additional seven Q400 aircraft.

Primarily based at the list charge of the Q400 aircraft, the firm order is valued at approximately US \$165 million and could grow to US \$401 million, should Philippine Airlines exercising all its purchase rights.

“With the lowest seat-mile costs in the regional aircraft market, the extra-capacity, two-class Q400 aircraft will offer Philippine

Airlines significant opportunities to differentiate itself competitively,” said Fred Cromer, President, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft. “The Q400 aircraft is the ideal solution for the airline as it develops its domestic operations network from secondary hubs and increases intra-island connectivity.”

“As we strive to become a top-rated airline, the Q Series family of aircraft has enabled us to develop our business model into one which efficiently meets our domestic route requirements while providing our passengers with a full service onboard experience,” said Jaime J Bautista, President and Chief Operating Officer, Philippine Airlines. “We are proud of our collaboration with Bombardier and welcome

the first modern and innovatively configured two-class, 86-seat Q400 aircraft to our growing fleet.”

The 5 firm-ordered Q400 aircraft are expected to be delivered all over in 2017.

Bombardier's customer support community for commercial aircraft within the Asia-Pacific region includes Regional Support Offices in Singapore, Narita (Tokyo), Sydney, Beijing, Shanghai and Mumbai, in addition to Parts Depots in Sydney, Beijing and Singapore. Operating from the company's regional office located in Singapore, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft's sales and marketing group is well placed to offer industry leading solutions to its contemporary and potential customers. ■

Boeing begins final assembly on first 787-10 Dreamliner



Boeing teammates in North Charleston, S.C., commenced final assembly of the first 787-10 Dreamliner, marking yet another on-time milestone for the development program.

The first 787-10 will cycle through Boeing South Carolina's final assembly facility as all fundamental sections are

joined, interior and exterior components finished, power turned on and production tests begin.

"As we enter the next phase of the 787-10's development, we eagerly watch our first airplane come to life," said Ken Sanger, vice president and general manager, 787 Airplane Development,

Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "This is the result of years of preparation and solid performance by our Boeing teammates and supplier partners. This achievement is another example that demonstrates Boeing's ability to develop great airplanes in a disciplined fashion in order to meet our customer commitments."

The first 787-10 is expected to fly in 2017 and its delivery is scheduled for 2018.

The 787-10 is the third member of the super-efficient, passenger-alluring 787 Dreamliner family. As a stretch of the 787-9 the 787-10 will keep 95 percent commonality while adding seats and cargo capacity, placing a new benchmark for fuel efficiency and operating economics – 25 percent better fuel per seat and emissions than the airplanes it'll replace.

To date, Boeing has received 154 787-10 orders from 9 customers. ■

Boeing, Iran Air announce agreement for 80 airplanes



Boeing and Iran Air announced an agreement for 80 aircraft that includes 50 737 MAX 8s, 15 777-300ERs and 15 777-9s, valued at \$16.6 billion at listing fees.

Based on its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Iran Air announced in June, the contract was reached within the terms of the U.S. government license issued to Boeing in September.

Boeing coordinated intently with the U.S. authorities throughout the procedure leading up to the sale and continues to follow all license requirements as it moves forward to

implement the sales agreement.

The agreement will support tens of thousands of U.S. jobs directly associated with production and delivery of the 777-300ERs and nearly 100,000 U.S. jobs in the U.S. aerospace value stream for the overall course of deliveries. The first airplanes beneath this agreement are scheduled for delivery in 2018.

Boeing and its more than 13,600 U.S. supplier and vendor partners throughout all 50 states are proud to ensure America continues to lead in global aerospace and to create jobs and opportunities in communities across the nation. Boeing's U.S. supply

chain currently supports more than 1.5 million U.S. jobs.

The 737 MAX incorporates the latest era CFM international leap-1B engines, advanced technology winglets and different improvements to deliver the best performance, reliability and passenger consolation in the single-aisle marketplace. The 737 MAX will be 14 percent more fuel efficient than today's most efficient Next-Generation 737s. The first 737 MAX is scheduled to enter service in 2017.

The 777-300ER is the maximum fuel and cost efficient airplane in its magnificence as well as the most reliable dual-aisle aircraft inside the world. It also has the highest cargo capacity of any passenger airplane. To this point customers worldwide have ordered more than 800 777-300ERs.

The 777X builds on the passenger-desired and market-leading 777, in addition to offering more market coverage and revenue capability than the competition. The 777X will consist of new engines, an all-new composite wing and could leverage technologies from the 787 Dreamliner. The first 777X is scheduled to enter service in 2020. ■

Rockwell Collins to automate check-in process for Falcon Aviation Services in Abu Dhabi



Falcon Aviation has implemented Rockwell Collins' ARINC LocalCheckSM Local Departure Control System (L-DCS) to automate the check-in process for the company's fleet of helicopters and corporate jets.

Falcon Aviation provides a host of aviation services, including private jet and helicopter charter, aircraft management and aircraft maintenance and support, to customers throughout the Middle East from its base at Al Bateen Executive

Airport, the premier VIP airport in the United Arab Emirates.

"Over the years, Falcon Aviation has become synonymous with safety, quality and excellent customer service," said Capt. Raman Oberoi at Falcon Aviation. "We have built a reputation for delivering high-quality products and innovative services to our loyal customers, and Rockwell Collins' airport solutions are helping us deliver on that promise."

Rockwell Collins' ARINC LocalCheck improves Falcon Aviation's check-in and boarding efficiency by automating passenger handling and the production of barcoding bag tags for positive identification and passenger reconciliation.

"Rockwell Collins airport solutions are used throughout the world to help airports improve efficiency and enhance operations," said Paul Hickox, head of Airport Systems Sales for Rockwell Collins. "This win is an excellent example of how we can tailor our solutions to meet the requirements of both large international airports as well as smaller regional airports and private business terminals." ■

New Saudi carrier Sky Prime aims to set high standards

The General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) has granted a license to the Sky Prime airline to operate as a national charter for VIP movements.

Minister of Transport Sulaiman Al-Hamdan, who is also the acting president of GACA, and Assistant Chief of GACA Capt. Abdul Hakim Al-Bader handed over the license to Sky Prime's CEO Salem Abaid Al-Muzaini during an event at Four Seasons Hotel in Riyadh on Wednesday.

Sky Prime, which will be based in Riyadh, will start its actual operations during the last quarter of 2016.

Al-Hamdan said: "2017 will be a historic turning point in the Kingdom's air transport industry as a number of airlines such as Sky Prime, Nesma and, later on, Flyadeal will enter the domestic air operation competition."

He added: "Any increase in the number of air operators will help increase the supply of seats in domestic flights."

Faisal Ghazi Kayal, managing director, Saudia Private Aviation (SPA), said SPA

will be responsible for the ground handling of the Sky Prime's operations in Riyadh, Jeddah, Madinah, and other airports across the Kingdom.

Kayal congratulated the Sky Prime management for their major initiative in the Kingdom's aviation market.

Al-Muzaini said: "Millions of travelers fly around the world, but few of them share the privilege of having their most exclusive expectations fulfilled."

"It is our pleasure to provide our clients with private aviation services, an air travel experience that not only meets their expectations but far exceeds them as well. As a leader in the private Aviation market, clients can expect the highest safety standards and years of trusted experience while they enjoy their luxurious journey," he stated.

"Our growing fleet, experience, Aviation services, charter flights and consultancy



are made available to help you get the best choice. It is our pleasure to be your partner and provider when it comes to private aviation services," Al-Muzaini added.

Alpha Star Aviation has established a new subsidiary, Sky Prime Aviation Services, which like its parent organization, will focus on VIP charter operations.

Launched on Dec. 29, 2015, Sky Prime Aviation Services' fleet will consist of seven aircraft initially, including A340-200, A340-600, A320-200, Gulfstream G450 and G550, as well as Embraer EMB-550 and Legacy 500. ■

South African Airways signs \$180m order to extend TotalCare® service for Rolls-Royce engines



South African Airways has signed a new TotalCare service order, worth \$180m, for Trent 700 engines that power five Airbus A330 aircraft that are entering service.

The order was announced as UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond visited Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town to showcase the UK's commitment to forming stronger business ties.

The aircraft are in addition to six A330s

the airline already operates – all powered by the Trent 700 with TotalCare. The engines are assembled at Rolls-Royce's facility in Derby, UK.

Musa Zwane, South African Airways, Acting Chief Executive Officer, said: "We have had a good operating experience with the Trent 700 and look forward to it powering more of our aircraft in the future. TotalCare service is critical to us, ensuring our aircraft are available for service."

Eric Schulz, Rolls-Royce, President –

Civil Aerospace, said: "The Trent 700 continues to deliver outstanding economic performance and we are grateful to South African Airways for selecting our engines and TotalCare once again."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond said: "Rolls-Royce is one of Britain's world-leading success stories, exporting cutting-edge technology and manufacturing across the globe. This deal is another example of the close business ties between the UK and South Africa, further supporting jobs and economic growth in both countries."

The Trent 700 delivers the best fuel burn, emissions and noise performance, resulting in market leadership on the aircraft. The engine has won more than 70 per cent of new orders over the last four years. In the A330 freighter market, the Trent 700 now accounts for 90 per cent of aircraft in service and on order.

More than 1,500 Trent 700s are now in service or on firm order, making it the largest in-service Trent engine.

South African Airways also operates nine Airbus A340 aircraft powered by the Trent 500. ■

German federal police to receive three H215 helicopters



The German federal police (Bundespolizei) has signed a contract with Airbus Helicopters for the purchase of three H215 multi-role rotorcraft via the purchasing administration of the German Federal Ministry of Interior. The aircraft will be tasked with a number of challenging roles, among them maritime emergencies and police missions. The helicopters are scheduled for delivery in early 2019.

The Bundespolizei currently operates 19 helicopters of the Super Puma family. The aircraft are flown 365 days a year in missions as diverse as the transport of personnel over large distances and under difficult weather conditions, e.g. VIP

transport, complex search and rescue missions and disaster relief operations. For each mission the helicopters need to be converted extremely quickly as high availability is key for conducting successful operations.

"We are very proud of our long track record of successful cooperation with the Bundespolizei," said Wolfgang Schoder, CEO of Airbus Helicopters Germany. "The H215 is exactly the right solution to meet the demanding mission requirements of national police forces."

The heavy-weight, twin-engine H215 helicopter is a member of the Super Puma family, designed to operate in a variety of missions such as aerial work with internal and external loads, law enforcement, medical evacuation, SAR, and humanitarian missions. It combines advanced avionics with a reliable platform, offering outstanding performance for long-distance flights, high speed, excellent payload capacity and very good lifting performance. The aircraft is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art equipment. This includes a glass cockpit and the new 4-axis autopilot, which provides flight envelope protection, unrivalled precision, and stability in even the harshest operating conditions.

Airbus Helicopters is the global market leader for police helicopters: it has delivered close to 50 percent of these helicopters in the last ten years. Around 300 customers based in 60 countries have been operating Airbus Helicopters rotorcraft for law-enforcement missions for decades. ■

Honeywell delivers Wi-Fi in-the-sky experience for Royal Jet



Royal Jet has selected Honeywell's JetWave Ka-band satellite connectivity hardware and GoDirect Cabin Connectivity services for its new 34-seat, custom-made Boeing Business Jet. The Boeing 737-700 aircraft is the primary of its type to be installed with JetWave hardware, giving access to high-speed, consistent in-flight Wi-Fi and allowing Royal Jet passengers to stay linked in flight for business or leisure — even if flying over the sea.

Honeywell's JetWave hardware was fitted on Royal Jet's Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) 737-700 by using Lufthansa Technik, which recently acquired a supplementary kind certificate to install the Ka-band hardware on BBJ platforms. The JetWave installation allows Royal Jet's BBJ aircraft to hook up with Inmarsat's global Xpress Ka-band satellite network, permitting passengers to stream video, download massive documents and do more via the Jet ConneX carrier.

With access to Honeywell's GoDirect Cabin Connectivity services — a suite of services and mobile applications that helps control the connectivity network — Royal Jet's flight crews and maintenance teams have all of the statistics they want to better manage the airplane's connectivity network. This reduces the need for third-party support by giving the operator manage over information usage, billing and network troubleshooting.

"Business jet passengers have high

expectations, including reliable connectivity service, whenever they fly. With Honeywell's connectivity solutions, Royal Jet's VVIP passengers can experience fast, consistent in-flight Wi-Fi that improves comfort and productivity throughout their journey," said Raghd Talih, sales director for the Middle East, Honeywell Aerospace. "Having worked closely with Royal Jet for several years providing aftermarket and technical support, we are excited that the operator has chosen to use Honeywell's connectivity solutions and services aboard the newest addition to its fleet. This is an investment that will significantly enhance not only the passenger experience but also airplane operations in the hyperconnected world in which we live."

"Royal Jet is pleased to operate the world's first BBJ equipped with Inmarsat high-speed Ka-band Wi-Fi enabled by Honeywell's JetWave hardware," said Rob DiCasteri, president and CEO, Royal Jet. "Combined with Honeywell's GoDirect Cabin Connectivity services, we have the tools we need to expand the cabin experience for our customers, while providing flight crews and maintenance teams with an effective solution to control connectivity needs across the network."

Royal Jet's first BBJ aircraft entered service in November, and a second is due to go live in December 2016. It'll also be equipped with JetWave hardware. ■

Boeing Business Jets, GKN Aerospace Introduce Skyview Panoramic Window



Boeing Business Jets announced that it will work with GKN Aerospace's Fokker business to develop, produce, offer and support the Skyview Panoramic Window, the largest window available on any passenger jet offered today.

The window will be available as a feature on the BBJ, BBJ 2, and all three members of the BBJ MAX family — including the new BBJ MAX 7 — with scheduled entry-into-service in 2018.

"We are thrilled to formally confirm our partnership with GKN Aerospace's Fokker business for the development of this fantastic feature on the BBJ, the largest airplane window available in the market," said Boeing Business Jets President David Longridge.

The Skyview Panoramic Window, measuring approximately 4.5 feet by 1.5 foot (1.4 x 0.5 m), is created by effectively joining three existing 737 windows together. Situated aft of the wing with multiple potential locations based on the airplane type, it offers customers an unparalleled perspective of the world.

"We are proud to announce the next step for the Skyview Panoramic window together with Boeing Business Jets," said Peter Somers, President of GKN's Fokker Services business. "The innovative technology applied in the largest window in the market, enhances passenger comfort and is now also available for BBJ MAX airplanes."

The window will be available through GKN Aerospace's Fokker business as a retrofit on existing BBJs, and through Boeing Business Jets as a priced feature. It will be delivered on BBJ MAX airplanes starting in 2018. ■

Cedar Executive Orders an additional Embraer Legacy 500



Middle East Airlines (MEA) confirmed at the Middle East and North Africa Business Aviation (MEBAA) show in Dubai the purchase of a second Embraer Legacy500 business jet for its private-jet affiliate, Cedar Executive. The second aircraft is expected to enter into service in mid-2017

Cedar Executive is based at Rafic Hariri International Airport – Beirut. The company started operations with a brand-new Legacy 500 that was delivered in January 2016. Cedar Executive offers private-jet charter travel services for its customers along with FBO services including maintenance, hangarage and facilities for general aviation aircraft.

“Cedar Executive has exceeded their customers’ expectation with a high end premium service in their very first year of operation. It is a pleasure to be part of this accomplishment by supplying the aircraft that combines the comfort, technology and performance desired for the ultimate travel experience”, said Marco Tulio Pellegrini, President and CEO, Embraer Executive Jets. We are committed to offer the best customer service to support this continuing Legacy 500 fleet growth.”

“Our aim at Cedar Executive is to provide our guests with nothing short of a world class and blissful experience. Our existing Legacy 500 has delivered that for our revered guests throughout the Middle East” said Fouad Fawaz Cedar Executive CEO.

“The addition of a further aircraft is testimony to both the quality of the service Cedar Executive’s guests experience, and the performance of these magnificent aircraft.” ■

Landing gear support for Air India’s Boeing 777-200/300 fleet



Air India and Lufthansa Technik have entered into an agreement for the maintenance and repair of the carrier’s Boeing 777-200/300 landing gears. The four-year contract covers a total of 15 shipsets. The maintenance and overhaul work will be performed by Lufthansa Technik Landing Gear Services UK (LTLGS) located in Hayes, London, in the United Kingdom.

Zang Thio, Vice President Corporate Sales South East Asia and Australia at Lufthansa Technik, commented: “We are very proud to extend our customer base in India with the country’s flagship carrier. I am certain that with our extensive level of experience, we will meet our customer’s expectations

both in terms of quality and reliability.”

The first Boeing 777-200/300 landing gear delivery to Air India also marks an important milestone for LTLGS – the 50th Boeing 777-200/300 landing gear overhaul by LTLGS since 2013. This amounts to a market share of approximately 70% in the currently anticipated global market.

Sandra Eckstein, Managing Director of Lufthansa Technik Landing Gear Services UK, commented: “All of us here at LTLGS are honored to celebrate this important milestone in our operations and we are delighted to add Air India to our existing customer base, which includes major Boeing 777-200/300 operators from Europe, the Middle East and Asia” ■

Air Force Releases Candidate Installations for Next F-35A Bases

Air Force officials announced five installations as candidate bases for the next two Air National Guard F-35A locations.

The candidate bases include: Dannelly Field Air Guard Station, Montgomery, Alabama; Gowen Field AGS, Boise, Idaho; Jacksonville AGS Florida, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Detroit, and Truax AGS, Madison, Wisconsin.

“The Air Force is committed to a deliberate and open process to address F-35 basing,” said Jennifer A. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations. “As we progress



through the basing process, we will share information so interested communities are aware of what to expect.”

The preferred and reasonable alternatives are expected to be selected in the spring of 2017. onal Guard F-35A locations. ■

FL Technics officially opens its MRO centre in Jakarta



FL Technics, an international provider of one-stop-shop aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul services, has introduced the respectable beginning of its MRO hangar at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, Jakarta, Indonesia. FL Technics Indonesia has additionally reached cooperation

agreements with ten Asian airways.

The newly opened 9,000 sq. m. facility accommodates up to 3 slim-body aircraft at a time and is certified to service Boeing 737 NG and CL, as well as Airbus A319/A320/A321. FL Technics Indonesia's team starts its operations with aircraft line maintenance at the same time as

base maintenance services are to be introduced in 2017.

"After renovating and upgrading the facilities according to European standards, we finally have a modern MRO centre, located in the heart of Indonesia. We have also invested into building and training a strong team of MRO specialists from Indonesia who will be delivering safe and reliable MRO support to Indonesian and other Asian airlines. But most importantly, we are delighted to physically become a part of the region's civil aviation and contribute to its safe development," shared Zilvinas Lapinskas, CEO of FL Technics.

Earlier this year, FL Technics Indonesia has successfully passed the audit and has been certified Indonesia's Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Thai Department of Civil Aviation. The organization has additionally reached agreements with its first customers, including NAM Air, Sriwijaya Air, K-Mile Air, Lion Air, Batik Air, Kalstar Aviation, Airfast Indonesia, Trigana Air Service, Tri-MG Intra Asia Airlines and Travira Air. ■

Embraer delivers its 1,300th E-Jet to Tianjin airways



Embraer reached one more milestone on 2nd December, 2016 with its E-Jets application – the shipping of the 1,300th aircraft. The E-Jet, an E195, was handed over to China's Tianjin airlines in a rite at the factor unit in São José dos Campos. This delivery brings the Tianjin airlines E-Jet fleet to 45, the largest in Asia.

"We dedicate this milestone to all our customers who have embraced the E-Jets philosophy. Without each of them, we would never have achieved such success with the program," said John Slattery, President & CEO, Embraer Commercial Aviation. "It's a great pleasure to share this exciting moment with Tianjin. We've been partners for

many years and we look forward to many more decades, as the airline grows with the E2."

All through Chinese President Xi Jinping's 2014 state visit to Brazil, Embraer and Tianjin airways signed an agreement for up to 20 E195s and 20 E190-E2s. The primary E2 is scheduled to be delivered to Tianjin airlines in 2018.

Tianjin airlines are amongst Embraer's earliest clients in China. In 2008, it became the primary airline to perform an E-Jet in the country. It is also the Embraer Authorized Service Center in the region.

Liu Lu, Executive Chairman and President of Tianjin Airlines, said this is

another milestone for Tianjin Airlines. "Tianjin Airlines started as a regional carrier, and E-Jets have played a crucial role in our fleet optimization and route expansion. Tianjin Airlines is also the largest E-Jets operator in Asia with 62 aircraft, which redefined the operation model of regional aviation in China. We are proud to receive the 1,300th E-Jet of Embraer and we look forward to the new E-Jets E2 to bring us even more value."

Embraer has been leading the Chinese regional aviation industry with a market share around 80% of regional jet orders. To this point, the organisation has logged orders for 190 business commercial aircraft, 21 of that are pending government authority's approval.

Embraer is the world's leading producer of commercial jets up to a hundred thirty seats. More than a 100 customers round the world fly the ERJ and E-Jet families of aircraft. For the E-Jets program alone, Embraer has logged greater than 1,700 orders and 1,300 deliveries, redefining the conventional concept of regional aircraft with the aid of operating throughout a range of business applications. ■

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