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## First new ATR aircraft delivered to an Austrian Airline

The Austrian carrier InterSky today took delivery of their first ATR 72-600 aircraft ordered in 2012. This is also the first ATR aircraft that will fly in the livery of an Austrian airline.

The new aircraft was welcomed this morning at Friedrichshafen Airport, the company's main operating base, strategically situated in the southernmost part of Germany. Although headquartered in Bregenz, Austria, InterSky benefits from the proximity of the Friedrichshafen Airport to both Swiss and Austrian borders allowing the airline to conveniently serve many commuters and business travelers from the Alpine regions.

The special delivery ceremony today was witnessed by Friedrichshafen's District Administrator Lothar Wölfle and the City Mayor Andreas Brand. The second ATR 72-600 ordered by InterSky is scheduled for delivery in March this year, with the aircraft entering service on routes to key regional destinations in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

These new generation airplanes are equipped with a new full-glass cockpit and feature a high comfort layout seating 70 passengers with larger overhead bins. In addition to the performance advantages and enhanced comfort, these aircraft offer an improved operational flexibility for the airline.

With the introduction of these two new ATR 72-600s, InterSky should almost double the seat capacity of its fleet, which currently consists of three 50-seat turboprop aircraft.

"We are very much looking forward to the first 70-seater in our fleet. The fact that it is an ATR makes us very proud as InterSky is the first ATR operator in Austria", said Peter Oncken, Managing Director of InterSky.

"We are pleased to celebrate this important moment with InterSky," said Filippo Bagnato, Chief Executive Officer of ATR, "We are delighted to see the ATR 72-600 play an essential role in InterSky's success, and we are pleased to introduce the ATR aircraft in Austria. I am sure the airline and its customers will be happy to experience the revolutionary features on these new-generation airplanes. The arrival of the new ATR 72-600 will also provide InterSky the ability to further expand its regional network, adding new routes and frequencies".

### **About the ATR 72-600:**

Passenger capacity: 68-74 seats

Engines: Pratt & Whitney 127M

Maximum power at take-off: 2,750 horse power per engine

Maximum weight at take-off: 23,000 Kg

Maximum load: 7,500 Kg

Maximum range with full passenger load: 900 nautical miles (1,665 Km)

**About InterSky:**

The regional airline InterSky, founded in 2002 by Renate Moser and Rolf Seewald, has been successful for the last 11 years. In February 2012, INTRO Group of the German entrepreneur Hans Rudolf Wöhrle became 51% shareholder of the company. For the time being, InterSky serves the regional sector connecting the Lake Constance area to German cities like Berlin, Dusseldorf and Hamburg, but also from Austria's Vienna and Graz to Zurich. In the summertime the destinations Elba (out of Friedrichshafen, Munich, Zürich, Bergamo and Geneva), Olbia, Split, Zadar and Pula are also part of the schedule. With the purchase of two new ATR 72-600s the fleet will grow up to 5 aircraft, additionally to the current 3 Dash 8-300s. New routes are especially focused on German and Austrian business travel needs. As InterSky has its own technical facilities, the reliability of the airline is enormous, reaching 99.8%. As a consequence of the two new aircraft the number of employees will significantly grow from the current 100.

**About ATR:**

Founded in 1981, ATR has become the world leader on the market for regional aircraft with 90 seats or less. Since its creation, ATR has sold approximately 1,200 aircraft to over 180 operators based in 91 countries. ATR planes have totalled over 21 million flight hours. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi (a Finmeccanica Group company) and EADS. Its head office is in Toulouse. ATR is ISO 14001 certified. This is the international reference standard in the field for environmental friendliness.

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