

## PRESS RELEASE

# Braathens Aviation commits to up to 15 ATR 72-600s

**The operator introduces ATR 72-600s to grow its fleet, expands further in Scandinavia**

**Le Bourget, 16 June 2015** – ATR and Sweden-based Braathens Aviation today signed a contract for the purchase of 5 ATR 72-600s and 10 optional aircraft as part of the company's fleet upgrade strategy. Deliveries will commence at the end of 2015.

The new aircraft, which will seat 72 passengers, will be operated on the carrier's regional services in Sweden.. The ATR 72-600 will join an existing fleet of 5 ATR 72-500 airplanes operated by Braathens Regional from its base at Bromma Airport (Stockholm City Airport). The new ATR planes will enable Braathens Aviation to press on with an expansion plan and replace aging Saab 2000 units, while its overall ATR fleet will grow.

These new turboprops will benefit from the latest technological developments that distinguish the ATR -600s with a modern avionics suite, superior cabin interiors, and enhanced engine performance. The aircraft will feature additional navigation capabilities including onboard reception functions needed for precision navigation and landing such as the Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) and Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) capability.

"We are delighted to be adding these newest generation ATR 72-600 aircraft to our fleet," said Per G. Braathen, Chairman of Braathens Aviation. "These modern ATR aircraft are remarkably fuel-efficient and will help us run our regional operations more effectively while offering superior passenger comfort and a reduced environmental footprint. The new ATRs will support the strong growth in Scandinavia's regional air transport we anticipate over the coming years."

Commenting on the deal Patrick de Castelbajac, ATR Chief Executive Officer, stated: "We are honored by the vote of confidence that Braathens Aviation gave to ATR today. We believe the company's fleet adjustments will provide them with increased competitive ability to match demand and capacity throughout their network."

With over 260 ATRs in service in the liveries of more than 60 operators, Europe is ATR's second largest market today. Since the beginning of the program, ATR orders in the region account for nearly 30 per cent of all ATR sales.

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

Passenger capacity: 68-78 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 the ATR 42-600:**

Passenger capacity: 46-50 seats

Engines: Pratt & Whitney 127M

Maximum take-off power: 2,160 horsepower per engine

Maximum take-off weight: 18,600 kg

Maximum load: 5,500 kg

Maximum flight range at maximum load: 800 nautical miles (1,300 km)

**About Braathens Aviation:**

Braathens Aviation carries out operations related to air travel with the focus on domestic and regional flights in Sweden. Its operating hub is Bromma Stockholm Airport, the airport nearest downtown Stockholm. Braathens Aviation consists of different companies that carry out a range of activities related to air travel, principally in the Swedish domestic market. Braathens Regional is Braathens Aviation's leading regional operator providing cost-efficient and reliable wet-lease operations. With more than 30 years' experience of cost efficient turboprop flight operations, Braathens Regional delivers high quality flight operations.

**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 over 1500 aircraft. With over 25 million flight hours, ATR models equip the fleets of more than 190 airlines in over 90 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi (a Finmeccanica Group company) and the Airbus Group. Its head office is in Toulouse. ATR is ISO 14001 certified. Visit the site at [www.atraircraft.com](http://www.atraircraft.com). Follow us on YouTube: [ATRbroadcast](https://www.youtube.com/ATRbroadcast) and on Twitter: [@ATRaircraft](https://twitter.com/ATRaircraft)

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