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EWA Air signs commitment for two ATR 72-600s

Mahoran airline to upgrade its fleet with latest generation turboprops

Toulouse, 13 July, 2018 – Mayotte-based carrier EWA has today signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the acquisition of two ATR 72-600s. The latest-generation turboprops will replace and upgrade their two currently leased ATR 72-500s. The airline, a subsidiary of Air Austral, has been an ATR operator since its launch in 2013 and uses its aircraft to connect Mayotte with destinations in Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Tanzania, providing essential connectivity to passengers travelling for business and leisure.

The aircraft will be equipped with 64 seats with deliveries beginning before the end of this year.

ATR anticipate that in the next 20 years, there will be the need for over 3000 turboprops and regional air traffic will grow 4.5% each year. A significant proportion of this growth will be supported by route creation. 30% of the traffic growth by 2037 will come from routes that do not currently exist. ATR aircraft are proven route openers, with the -600 series aircraft opening over 100 routes a year on average.

Commenting on the deal, EWA Air Chairman, Marie Joseph Male, said: “The acquisition of these aircraft represent an important step for us, as we will be introducing the most modern and suitable regional aircraft for inter-island operations. The -600 series aircraft will continue to deliver the operational efficiency and reliability that has been so vital to us as a new operator, whilst enhancing the levels of comfort that we are able to offer our passengers.”

Christian Scherer, Chief Executive Officer of ATR, remarked: “It is most rewarding when an operator comes back to us and signs for more of our aircraft. Beyond the vote of confidence, it is testimony to the level of customer service that we provide. The versatility of the ATR is well proven and markets around the world rely on the connectivity that our aircraft provide. The ability of the ATR to operate on short runways is unmatched by any other turboprop or regional jet and ATRs are the perfect aircraft for linking small communities in this part of the Indian Ocean.”

About EWA Air

EWA Air, the first Airline Company of Mayotte, was born from the synergy of three partners sharing a common ambition: to contribute to the opening up of the territory and its influence in the Mozambique Channel. The Air Austral Group, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Mayotte and the Ylang Invest Company joined together to respond, thanks to EWA Air, the high expectations of the population regarding travel. Being a subsidiary of Air Austral Group, EWA Air offers its passengers a guarantee in terms of quality of services as well as in term of safety, a top priority for the company.



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About ATR:

European turboprop manufacturer ATR is the world leader in the regional aviation market. ATR designs, manufactures and delivers modern regional aircraft, with a customer base fleet encompassing some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. The ATR 42 and the ATR 72 are the best-selling aircraft in the market segment of 90 seats or less. With continuous improvement as a driving force, ATR produces cutting edge, comfortable and versatile turboprops that help airlines expand their horizons by creating more than 100 new routes every year. Compared with other turboprops, ATRs offer an advantage of 40% on fuel burn, 20% on trip cost and 10% on seat cost, whilst offering the lowest noise emissions. ATR is an equal partnership between leading aerospace firms Airbus and Leonardo and benefits from a large global customer support network allowing it to deliver innovative services and solutions to its clients and operators all over the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.atr-aircraft.com>.

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