



PRESS RELEASE

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## ATR sets up a new warehouse in Brazil

**The stock of spare parts will be housed in São Paulo on the premises of Helibras, a Brazilian Customer Center of Airbus Helicopters**

ATR and Helibras are pleased to announce the signing of a partnership for setting up an ATR warehouse on the logistic center premises of this Customer Center of Airbus Helicopters in Brazil. With this new partnership, the aircraft manufacturer will continue to expand its network of customer support centers worldwide. The agreement will also allow ATR to continue to improve its service offer in Latin America, a region where ATRs have been the best-selling regional aircraft for the past ten years. Following its commercial success in the region, the fleet of ATRs in operation has increased since 2005 from 70 aircraft to almost 180, and will exceed 200 aircraft next year.

In these new facilities, ATR will make a stock of spare parts available including Line Replacement Units, in direct support of its GMA (Global Maintenance Agreement) service for its Brazilian customers. This new center, which is part of ATR's approach of always being as close as possible to its operators, is the sixth of this type for ATR, which already has other spare parts centers in Paris, Miami, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Auckland (New Zealand).

Flávio Pires, Support and Services Vice-President from Helibras, said that they were "very pleased to accommodate the ATR stock in our facilities in São Paulo, and to contribute to the consolidation of ATR's activities in Brazil. We are part of the same family, through our common shareholder. It seems very fitting to provide our support in terms of logistics and stock management so that ATR can develop a support network in Brazil on a par with its commercial success in the region."

Lilian Braylé, ATR's Senior Vice-President Product Support and Services highlighted "the strategic importance of setting up a stock of spare parts in one of the countries in which ATR's presence is most broadly developed. We must guarantee our operators an excellent level of service. Setting up this new service is part of this approach to support our operators in their daily operations in order to contribute to their success."

### **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 1400 aircraft. With over 24 million flight hours, ATR models equip the fleets of 180 airlines in 90 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi (a Finmeccanica Group company) and Airbus Group. Its head office is in Toulouse. ATR is ISO 14001 certified.

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