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Drukair places order for a new ATR 42-600 equipped with the ClearVision™ system

Bhutanese flag-carrier to benefit from latest generation aircraft's cutting-edge avionics

Toulouse, 13 July, 2018 – Drukair and the world's leading turboprop aircraft manufacturer ATR today announced the signing of an order for an ATR 42-600 equipped with the new ClearVision™ system. The airline will be the first operator to benefit from the advantages of ClearVision's™ Combined Vision System (CVS), incorporating the Enhanced Vision System (EVS) which improves visibility and the Synthetic Vision System (SVS) which generates images of terrain and obstacles using an extensive database. The combination of these solutions provides pilots with outstanding vision and consequently improves their situational awareness. This new ATR 42-600 is expected to be delivered to Drukair in July 2019.

Drukair has been operating ATR 42s since 2011 and operates in challenging environments, serving small airports in the Himalayan Mountains. Certified last year, the ATR -600's latest Standard 3 avionics includes RNP AR 0.3/0.3, which further enhances airfield accessibility and operational performance.

ATR predicts that regional aviation will require more than 600 40-60-seat turboprop aircraft over the next 20 years. The ATR 42-600 is currently the only 50-seater turboprop in production and a proven route opener. In 2017, ATR aircraft opened over 150 routes and 30% of the overall traffic growth over the next 20 years will be represented by routes that do not exist today.

Tandi Wangchuk, Chief Executive Officer of Drukair, said: "Purchasing another ATR was a natural decision. The improvements delivered by the -600 series' new Standard 3 avionics, along with the ClearVision™ CVS system add significant operational and thus economic value. We also look forward to welcoming passengers into the most modern cabin in regional aviation and offering them the most comfortable in-flight experience possible."

ATR Chief Executive Officer, Christian Scherer, remarked: "Drukair's decision to purchase the latest version of our product not only validates the versatility and operational efficiency of our -600 series aircraft, but also affirms the value of our policy of continuous development. Offering valuable solutions which have a genuine and immediate impact on our customer's business will always be a priority for us at ATR. We look forward to contributing to the famous "Gross National Happiness" of the people of Bhutan, long into the future."

About Drukair – Royal Bhutan Airlines

Drukair is a Royal Government of Bhutan Owned Airline run by the Investment Wing, Druk Holding & Investments Ltd. The national Airline of the Kingdom of Bhutan operates a schedule network within the South Asian region from its Head Quarters at Paro, a picturesque Valley in Western Bhutan. The Capital, Thimphu is a 60 minute drive away. Drukair currently operates with three A319s and an ATR 42-500.



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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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