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## Viking Announces Skytek as 1<sup>st</sup> Factory Endorsed Service Centre for Twin Otter Aircraft in Asia-Pacific

**Victoria, British Columbia, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016:** Viking Air Limited of Victoria, BC, Canada welcomes Skytek Pty. Ltd. of Cairns, Australia to the Series 400 Twin Otter support network as the first Factory Endorsed Service Centre (“FESC”) in the Asia-Pacific region. Skytek’s location in northern Queensland, combined with their extensive Twin Otter maintenance experience, makes them the ideal choice for a Viking-certified service facility for legacy de Havilland and Series 400 Twin Otter operators in southeast Asia and Australia.

Over the past 20 years, Skytek have demonstrated an increasing level of dependable Twin Otter maintenance services to a widespread customer base in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar, including Series 400 Twin Otter operators Hevilift and Ok Tedi Development Foundation.

Stanko Paleksic, Viking’s Technical Support manager, was responsible for conducting a technical audit in support of Skytek’s application for the FESC program. He commented, “Skytek is already the maintenance facility of choice for many of our Series 400 operators, so to have them join our support network as an FESC is a natural progression of our corporate relationship. Skytek’s focus on delivering quality service from their maintenance facility in Australia, as well as the services they provide at customer bases throughout southeast Asia, will be an asset to all Twin Otter operators in the region.”

The FESC program, administered through Viking’s Global Customer Support group, develops strategic partnerships with specialized industry professionals to provide factory recognized service and warranty repairs for both Viking Series 400 Twin Otters and the legacy de Havilland fleet.

### **About Skytek:**

Based in Cairns, Australia, Skytek is a privately owned company with over 20 years of experience providing support, heavy maintenance, aircraft modifications and component overhaul for both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, including the Series 300 and Series 400 Twin Otter.

### **About Viking:**

Headquartered in Victoria, BC, Viking is the global leader in utility aircraft support and services, and the manufacturer of the world-renowned Series 400 Twin Otter. Viking is the Original Type Certificate holder for all out-of-production de Havilland aircraft, from the DHC-1 Chipmunk through the DHC-7, and provides exclusive spare parts manufacturing for the legacy de Havilland fleet.

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VIKING is the manufacturer of the Twin Otter Series 400 aircraft, and provides complete support for the de Havilland legacy fleet.





In 2007 Viking launched the Twin Otter Series 400 production program, and to date over 125 new aircraft have been sold to 29 countries worldwide, averaging a production rate of one new aircraft delivered every 15 business days.

In October 2016, Viking completed the acquisition of Bombardier's amphibious aircraft program, including transfer of the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for the CL-215, CL-215T, CL-415 aircraft and all variants to Viking. In addition to the Type Certificates, Viking has also assumed responsibility for product support, parts and service for the fleet of 170 water bombers currently in operation around the world.

Viking is managed by Longview Aviation Capital, and forms part of the portfolio of a prominent Canadian family office investment firm which maintains a long-term investment horizon and is one of the leading investors in the Canadian aviation industry.

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