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Viking Selects 1st Factory Endorsed Component Centre for Aerial Firefighting Aircraft

Antavia – AMETEK MRO of France to Join Viking Customer Support Network

Victoria, BC, March 12th, 2018: Viking Air Limited of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, have selected Antavia – AMETEK MRO of Campsas, France, as the first Factory Endorsed Component Centre (FECC) for the global fleet of aerial firefighting aircraft. Under Viking’s FECC Program, Antavia will be responsible for providing authorized maintenance services on landing gear for Canadair CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 aircraft.

Antavia is a leading aircraft service company with almost 20 years of experience providing maintenance support to the Canadair CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 aircraft fleet. While Antavia’s component maintenance capabilities will be an asset to aerial firefighting aircraft operators worldwide, their central location in France is especially well-situated to service the densely-populated European fleet.

“The selection of Antavia to join Viking’s worldwide customer support network was a natural fit due to their shared commitment of providing aerial firefighting aircraft customers with first-rate service and uninterrupted support,” commented Gregory Davis, Viking’s vice president of Customer Service & Product Support. He added, “We are excited to work with such a well-respected organization who shares our commitment to customer satisfaction.”

“We are delighted to see our long-standing efforts to support the world-wide operators of this prestigious aircraft officially recognized by Viking,” says Laurent Bouissou, Managing Director of Antavia. “This agreement is not only a source of pride for our team, it is a major boost to our commitment to operators and a great stepping stone in our efforts to improve service to the aerial firefighting community.”

Viking’s success in giving new life to the aerial firefighter program has included establishing and further developing business relationships with key suppliers to improve support of the aircraft. Since 2016, Viking and Antavia have been working together to improve shop turn-around times and spare parts availability, as well as provide engineering solutions that minimize aircraft maintenance downtime.

About Antavia – AMETEK MRO:

For 30 years Antavia has delivered high performance repair and overhaul service to a growing range of operators located worldwide. Antavia is a business unit of AMETEK MRO, a global provider of third-party component MRO services targeting commercial, regional and general aviation.

Through years of experience, investments, quality control and state of the art services, Antavia now enjoys tremendous goodwill which has resulted in a worldwide network and access to funding which ensures continuous growth.

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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.



Beginning with the support of Super Guppy for Airbus (then Aerospatiale) 30 years ago, the Landing Gear Workshop has evolved to now mainly support the Canadair CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 aircraft fleet. Over the years, Antavia has built a wealth of knowledge and experience to offer world-class support and maintenance services dedicated to CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 landing gear.

In 2007, Antavia was acquired by the diversified industrial group AMETEK, a NYSE listed company with a turn-over of 4 billion USD and 16,000 employees in 60 countries.

About Viking Air Limited:

Headquartered in Victoria, BC, Viking is the global leader in utility aircraft 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, DHC-1 through the DHC-7, and provides exclusive spare parts manufacturing and product support for the legacy de Havilland fleet. In 2007 Viking launched the Twin Otter Series 400 production program, and to date new Viking aircraft have sold to 30 countries worldwide.

In 2016, Viking acquired the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for the Canadair CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 aircraft. With this transfer, Viking assumed responsibility for all product support for the global fleet of 170 aerial firefighters.

Viking is managed by Longview Aviation Capital and forms part of the portfolio of a prominent Canadian family investment firm that maintains a long-term investment horizon and is one of the leading investors in the Canadian aviation industry. For additional information, please visit www.vikingair.com.

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Pictured above: Viking representatives Benjamin Carson, Director, Aftermarket Supply Chain (far left) and Gregory Davis, Vice President, Customer Service & Product Support (far right) met with Antavia to initiate the company as an FECC. Representing Antavia (from middle left) are Marc Marrot, Engineering Manager, Thibaut Legros, Operations Director, and Laurent Bouissou, Managing Director & Division Vice President.



Pictured above: Antavia's Managing Director & Division Vice President, Laurent Bouissou, and Viking's Vice President, Customer Service & Product Support, Gregory Davis, shake hands accompanied by the crew at Antavia's maintenance facility in Campsas, France.