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VIKING Series 400 Twin Otter Receives Float Certification in China

Victoria, BC, September 20th, 2017: Viking Air Limited of Victoria, BC, Canada is pleased to announce that the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) has approved the operation of Viking Series 400 Twin Otters equipped with Wipline® 13000 straight and amphibious floats in China.

Certification of the Series 400 Twin Otter on floats is a major milestone in developing the burgeoning seaplane market in China as it provides a proven twin-engine solution capable of profitable 19-passenger commercial operation. Prior to certification of the Series 400, anticipated growth in the Chinese seaplane market has been gradual due to the requirement that commercial operators of single-engine aircraft must limit the number of passengers to 9 and operate with two pilots, making it uneconomical to run a commercial seaplane operation.

“With over 18,000 kilometers of coastline and more than 6000 islands, China presents numerous opportunities for seaplane operations for commercial, private and government support,” commented Dominique Spragg, Viking’s vice president Strategic Planning and regional sales director for China. “China is a strong emerging market for the Viking Series 400 Twin Otter, and the seaplane segment in particular is expected to expand rapidly over the next 10 years.”

Meiya Air of Hainan Province was the first Chinese company to sign on for the Series 400 Twin Otter, ordering five float-equipped aircraft to support their seaplane flightseeing and charter operations in Sanya and the surrounding region of the South China Sea.

Reignwood Aviation Group of Beijing, China, has also made a commercial commitment to purchase up to 50 Viking Twin Otters, with the initial aircraft delivered configured as 19-passenger regional commuters with amphibious floats.

With a commitment to being the world’s premier seaplane manufacturer, and to support the rapid growth of the Chinese seaplane market, Viking has invested in the development and certification of the world’s first Level “D” full flight simulator with seaplane capability. Located at Viking’s Calgary, Alberta facility, the simulator is now fully operational and will commence student training in November 2017.

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

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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.



Viking launched the Twin Otter Series 400 production program, and to date over 130 new Viking aircraft have been sold to 29 countries worldwide.

In October 2016, Viking acquired the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for the CL-215, CL-215T, CL-415 aircraft and all variants from Bombardier. With the Type Certificate transfer, Viking assumed responsibility for product support for the fleet of 170 water bombers in operation worldwide.

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.

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Pictured above: Reignwood Air's Series 400 Twin Otter equipped with Wipline® 13000 amphibious floats alongside Viking's 100th production aircraft on the ramp at Viking's facility in Sidney, British Columbia.