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## Fiji Airways Purchases Three Viking Series 400 Twin Otters

**Nasoso, Nadi, Fiji, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Viking Air Limited of Victoria, BC, Canada and Fiji Airways, of Nadi, Fiji, have signed an agreement for three Twin Otter Series 400 aircraft for use as regional commuters servicing Fiji Airways’ domestic routes throughout the island nation. An option for one additional aircraft will also accompany the deal.

The Series 400 Twin Otters are scheduled for delivery between October 2017 and February 2018, and will be added to Fiji Airways’ existing fleet of three legacy Twin Otter aircraft based at Nadi International Airport. Fiji Airways has been operating Twin Otter aircraft for over ten years, and as Fiji’s National Airline, is strategically placed to expand the Twin Otter Series 400’s presence in the region.

Mr. Andre Viljoen, Fiji Airways Group Managing Director and CEO commented: “The Twin Otter remains the aircraft of choice for our subsidiary Fiji Link’s operations to most of Fiji’s smaller airports. The Series 400 is a definite step up for our expanded Twin Otter fleet, and will allow us to increase capacity to key Fijian destinations. Customers and crew alike can look forward to enhanced comfort and operating systems on their flights.”

The Series 400 Twin Otters will be delivered as standard land planes in 19-passenger configuration, and equipped with Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-34 turbine engines and Honeywell Primus Apex fully integrated digital IFR avionics suite.

“The team at Fiji Airways exude consummate professionalism and have been a pleasure to deal with from the outset,” said Peter Walker, Viking’s International Sales Director for Africa, Middle East & Asia Pacific. He added, “We’re thrilled to be working with such an esteemed airline, and are looking forward to future possibilities as Fiji Airways expand their Twin Otter fleet.”

### About Fiji Airways:

Founded in 1951, Fiji Airways Group comprises of Fiji Airways, Fiji’s National Airline and its subsidiaries: Fiji Link, its domestic and regional carrier, Pacific Call Comm Ltd, and a 38.75% stake in the Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa on Denarau Island, Nadi. From its hubs at Nadi and Suva International Airports, Fiji Airways and Fiji Link serve 69 destinations in 15 countries (including code-share). Destinations include Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, the US, Canada, the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. The Fiji Airways Group brings in 64 percent of all visitors who fly to Fiji, employs over 1000 employees, and earns revenues of over FJD\$815 million (USD \$390m). Fiji Airways rebranded from Air Pacific in June 2013. Visit [www.fijiairways.com](http://www.fijiairways.com) for more information.

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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.





**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 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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