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## **Viking Signs Twin Otter Series 400 Multiple Aircraft Purchase Agreement with Tara Air of Nepal**

**Farnborough, England, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** Viking Air Limited of Victoria, British Columbia, and Tara Air of Kathmandu, Nepal, have signed a multi-aircraft purchase agreement for three Viking Twin Otter Series 400 aircraft to be delivered between September 2016 and early 2017.

The three Series 400 Twin Otters will be delivered in regional commuter configuration and will be added to Tara Air's existing fleet of Series 400 and legacy Twin Otter aircraft as part of their expansion plan to offer the widest passenger connectivity to the remote rural regions of Nepal.

Tara Air selected the Twin Otter Series 400 aircraft due to the modifications incorporated in the new aircraft that vastly improve safety for operations in the mountainous regions of the country.

"To have Tara Air return to Viking to purchase additional Series 400 Twin Otters is a testament to the quality of the aircraft and its ability to reliably operate in the remote regions of Nepal," commented Peter Walker, Viking's regional sales director for Africa, the Middle East and Asia. He added, "Operating aircraft in Nepal poses a challenge due to the extreme conditions in which the aircraft must perform, so to have Tara Air select the Series 400 to expand their fleet just goes to show it's the best aircraft for the job."

### **About Tara Air:**

Tara Air was established in 2009 as a sister company to Yeti Airlines, and is the newest and biggest airline service provider in the Nepalese mountains. The company started business with the mission of helping develop the rural Nepal, and has concentrated service in the hills and mountains of the country from the Far East to the Far West. Tara Air currently operates a fleet of several STOL aircraft, comprised of Series 400 Twin Otters, legacy de Havilland Series 300 Twin Otters, and Dornier 228 aircraft.

### **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 DASH-7 50-passenger STOL regional airliner, and provides exclusive spare parts manufacturing for the legacy de Havilland 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.

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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 June 2016 Viking entered into an agreement to acquire Bombardier's amphibious aircraft program, including the Bombardier CL-415 water bomber and its variants, as well as the earlier CL-215 and CL-215T versions. The acquisition includes the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for all variants of the aircraft and Viking will also assume responsibility for product support, parts and service for the fleet of 170 water bombers in service around the world. The transaction is expected to close before fall 2016.

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