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Viking Endorses Use of Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuel (SAJF) in its Family of Turbine Equipped Utility Aircraft

Paris, France, June 17th, 2019: As the OEM for several legendary Canadian aircraft types, including the legacy de Havilland and Canadair aerial firefighter fleets, Viking Air Limited of Victoria, British Columbia is now endorsing the use of Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuel (SAJF) in its family of utility aircraft equipped with turbine engines.

Viking's endorsement of SAJF is a progressive move towards long-term sustainability due to its lower environmental impact while providing the same performance characteristics as Jet A.

SAJF is a completely transparent synthetic replacement to conventional jet fuel that can be used in any turbine-powered aircraft and is produced from non-petroleum components such as cooking oil, plant oils, solid municipal waste, sugars, purpose-grown biomass and agricultural residues.

The Viking aircraft that will benefit from the use and availability of SAJF include the PT6-powered DHC-2T Turbo Beaver, DHC-3T Turbo Otter, DHC-6 Twin Otter and DHC-7 Dash 7. The PW123AF-powered Canadair CL-215T, CL-415, and next generation Viking CL-515 aerial firefighter multi-role amphibian will also benefit from the use of SAJF.

"We view SAJF as a positive move towards a greener, more sustainable way of operating our aircraft for generations to come," commented Robert Mauracher, Viking's executive vice president of Sales & Marketing. "With the demonstrated longevity inherent in our fleet of aircraft, it's important to consider operational constraints that may arise in the future, including availability of fuel sources. Use of SAJF not only provides our operators with an alternative to Jet A that lowers environmental impact, it will also be available for the duration of the aircraft's lifetime."

"Pratt & Whitney is proud to supply Viking with engines that run on sustainable fuel and we support their efforts towards greener operations," said Irene Makris, vice president, Sales & Marketing, Pratt & Whitney Canada. "We are committed to ensuring that our engines are designed, produced and operated to minimize their environmental impacts throughout their life cycle."

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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 new Viking aircraft have sold to over 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 Corp. (LAC), established in 2016 to manage a portfolio of long-term investments in the Canadian aerospace industry. LAC includes the assets of Viking Air Ltd.; De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, owner of the entire Dash 8 program including the 100, 200, and 300 Series and the in-production 400 program; Pacific Sky Aviation Inc.; Longview Aviation Asset Management Inc.; and Longview Aviation Services.

Longview, through its subsidiaries, holds the Type Certificates for the entire product line of original De Havilland Canada aircraft company. Longview has a workforce of approximately 1,800 full-time employees in manufacturing and aircraft service support in locations across Canada, including Victoria, Calgary, and Toronto.

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