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Hawker Pacific delivers first King Air 250 in Australia

Hawker Pacific, Asia Pacific's leading aircraft sales, services and product support company, is celebrating a landmark delivery of the first King Air 250 in Australia. The aircraft has been purchased to aid in the transport of key personnel between remote project sites.

The latest order comes amid growing interest in the medium-range business aircraft across the Asia-Pacific region including additional orders awaiting delivery in South East Asia in early 2012.

Hawker Pacific's Senior Vice President, Aircraft Sales & Flight Services Group, Tony Jones said: "The King Air 250 is the latest evolution of the globally popular King Air range, and remains the product of choice for companies, governments and individuals – primarily due to its comfort and economy, and its flexibility to serve major business hubs and small airports alike."

"In addition to this latest corporate delivery, we are experiencing increasing demand for the King Air range in Australia, recently filling orders for a corporate King Air 350i, an aeromedical King Air B200 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and two King Air 350i aircraft to Aeroparl to operate on contract as Flight Inspection aircraft ."

"We are also delighted to see a significant level of interest of the 250 in fast growing developing markets across Asia, and we are looking forward to an increasing number of deliveries into the market throughout 2012."

The King Air 250 is one of the most successful business aircraft designs to date. Impressive features such as the 'quiet cabin' passive noise reduction – which results in a better environment for work or relaxation – and the heated and pressurised baggage compartment that is accessible during the flight, continue to attract both the corporate and individual buyer.

The aircraft's composite propellers deliver new technology combined with lighter-weight, and its full-propeller reverse function reduces landing distances, providing an extra margin of safety when operating on wet or icy surfaces. The BLR Aerospace composite winglets also improve efficiency in all flight phases.

Powered by Pratt & Whitney PT6A-52 engines which feature fuel efficient power, high reliability and low maintenance, cost and noise, the aircraft's sophisticated safety systems include auto feather and rudder boost which work to reduce pilot workload and enhance safety. The engine induction modifications improve performance in unfavourable airfield operations and reduce the potential for foreign object damage (FOD).

Originally introduced in 1973, more than 2,000 of the King Air 200 Series of aircraft have been produced to date. With fleet dispatch reliability in excess of 99%, the aircraft deliver a proven standard of reliability that is the envy of the industry. The next-generation King Air 250 builds on Beechcraft's ongoing tradition of continual product improvement, with over 2,000 product refinements made since the introduction of the first Series 200 aircraft.

Notes to Editor:

1. **Hawker Pacific** is a market leader in integrated civil and military aerospace sales and product support in South East Asia, Australia, the Pacific and the Middle East and is one of the largest independent companies of its type in the region with nearly 600 employees. The company's Asian operations include established businesses in Singapore, China, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Hawker Pacific represents some of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, including Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Bell Helicopter and Diamond Aircraft. Hawker Pacific is also a primary dealer in used aircraft with networks to source, acquire and trade aircraft globally.

Hawker Pacific is also Australia's premier fixed base operator (FBO) with a network of facilities in Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns, Singapore, Perth, Shanghai and Malaysia. The company's FBOs offer VIP services and crew facilities, 24/7 on demand aircraft charter from a modern aircraft fleet, flight operations and total aircraft management.

Hawker Pacific's product support activities include MRO, structural modification and support services to a wide range of fixed and rotary wing aircraft for corporate, charter, defence and special mission operators throughout the region. Other services include aircraft and engine maintenance, repair and overhaul, special mission aircraft modifications, design engineering, avionics parts and service, plus the provision of spare parts, exchange rotables and equipment sales.

Hawker Pacific holds the highest certification levels and accreditations including CASA, EASA and FAA certification, ISO 9001 Bureau Veritas accreditation, plus OEM customer / airworthiness approvals by 26 major global suppliers and civil and military regulatory authorities. These set the company apart from most others operating in the region, giving it a capacity to deliver complex special mission modifications for both civil and military customers.

The company's customers include airlines, commuter, corporate, general aviation, rotary wing and special mission operators, governments and the military.

2. **Beechcraft King Air 250** builds on a reputation of proven performance. This next-generation aircraft features composite winglets and lightweight composite propellers, delivering improved runway performance, range, speed and enhanced climb. Passengers travel in quintessential King Air comfort, easily moving about in the spacious square-oval cabin over long-distance journeys.

The King Air 250 further defines mission reliability with a ram air recovery system that maintains peak performance when the anti-icing system is activated, resulting in a high-performance, all-weather aircraft.

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