DE HAVILLAND CANADA APPOINTS FALCON AVIATION SERVICES AS ASF

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The day before iofficial Dubai Airshow opening, De Havilland Canada announced an agreement with Falcon Aviation Services that will enhance support to operators of Dash 8-400 aircraft in the Middle East and Africa. Falcon is appointed as a De Havilland Canada Authorized Service Facility and will offer heavy check maintenance services from its facilities in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Known for its specialization in business aviation services, charter and aircraft management, Falcon is expanding its MRO portfolio to include base maintenance support for the Dash 8-400 aircraft. The company operates three Dash 8-400 aircraft and provides MRO support to five Dash 8-400 aircraft that are in service with Qazaq Air in Kazakhstan.

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“The Dash 8-400 aircraft continues to be a valuable asset in our portfolio, and we are delighted to be appointed as an Authorized Service Facility for the aircraft which has proved its operational capability in the arid regions of North Africa, as well as in the humid, sub-Saharan regions,” said Capt. Ramandeep Oberoi, Chief Executive Officer, Falcon Aviation Services.

“Falcon has been actively involved in supporting the growth and development of the fleet of Dash 8-400 aircraft in the Middle East and Africa for several years, and now with this appointment as a De Havilland Canada Authorized Service Facility, Falcon is in an even better position to support the region’s aviation sector,” said Todd Young, Chief Operating Officer, De Havilland Canada. "We look forward to this ongoing collaboration with Falcon as we work together to contribute to the region’s growing air transportation network.”

De Havilland Canada’s customer support network for Dash 8 Series aircraft in the Middle East and Africa includes another Authorized Service Facility located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and a Regional Support Office (RSO).

The Dash 8-400 aircraft is the latest in the Dash 8 Series family. Designed as an advanced, 21st-century turboprop, it provides unmatched performance and operational flexibility. The Dash 8-400 aircraft is nimble enough for a steep approach, yet tough enough to land on unpaved run-ways. It’s the only turboprop in its class certified for high altitude airports.

Offering the versatility of turboprop economics with jet-like performance, the Dash 8-400 can be adapted to many business models, delivering 30 per cent less fuel burn than competing jets, while cruising 160 km/h faster than conventional turboprops. Its large propellers operate at a lower RPM, generating more power with less noise and making it a friendly option for city centres. With industry-leading passenger experience, operating costs and environmental footprint, the Dash 8-400 aircraft is the pinnacle of the modern turboprop.

As the most successful Dash 8 Series aircraft, the Dash 8-400 has logged almost seven million flight hours with over 60 owners and operators in almost 40 countries. With a dispatch reliability rate of over 99.5 per cent, the aircraft has transported more than 400 million passengers worldwide.

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