ATR RECEIVES EASA CERTIFICATION FOR HIGH-DENSITY CABIN LAYOUT

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The **high-density seating configuration** option for the **ATR 72-600 aircraft** has received its **certification** from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

Using the existing airframe, the new high density configuration option is achieved by optimizing the pitch and adjusting forward cargo compartment, bringing the aircraft maximum capacity from 74 to 78 seats. ATR's greater passenger capacity further enhances airline revenue potential. The option will also be available as a retrofit.

Cebu Pacific was the first airline to choose the high-density seating, in a deal for sixteen new ATR 72-600s announced at the Paris Airshow earlier this year. The first aircraft in the 78-seat layout will enter commercial service in August 2016. The additional seats are very valuable for airlines operating in the regions where traffic grows rapidly and the demand is highly sensitive to fare.

"The demand comes from airlines, especially in the Southeast Asian market, requesting to further optimize the cabin space and to increase the number of available seats for regional flights," says Thierry Casale, ATR Senior Vice President Programmes. "With the lowest seat-mile cost in the

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regional market and unparalleled operating economics, the 78-seat ATR 72-600 turboprop is a perfect combination between comfort and efficiency”.

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