EVIATION AIRCRAFT CHOSEN BY AIR NEW ZEALAND AS MISSION NEXT GEN AIRCRAFT PARTNER

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Air New Zealand has signed a LOI with Eviation Aircraft for up to 23 aircraft as part of its Mission NextGen Aircraft program. The nine-seater Alice is the first flight-proven all-electric commuter aircraft and promises to usher in a new era of carbon-free, cost-effective and convenient aviation. Alice is powered by two magni650 electric propulsion units developed by magniX, the global industry leader in flight-proven electric propulsion systems. Built from a clean-sheet design, the aircraft costs significantly less to operate per flight hour compared to light jets or high-end turboprops.

Gregory Davis, President and CEO of Eviation, commented: “Regional flights make up a sizeable proportion of Air New Zealand’s routes. The Alice offers an effective way to decarbonize these journeys, revolutionizing air travel and supporting the goals of the Mission NextGen Aircraft program. New Zealand has earned a proud reputation for its progressive attitude and wide-ranging

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policies towards the climate challenge. The Alice is a beautiful aircraft that will delight airline operators and passengers. Seeing it soar through the skies of New Zealand is a magical prospect, and I pay tribute to Air New Zealand's commitment to innovation and sustainability."

Eddie Jaisaree, Vice President, Commercial Sales at Eviation, said: "This endorsement from a national flag carrier shows how the Alice has captured the imagination of the marketplace. New Zealand has just experienced its warmest, wettest winter on record. As the impacts of climate change become more apparent and efforts to regulate aviation's carbon emissions intensify, we are excited for how the Alice will help Air New Zealand to lead the airline industry into a sustainable future."

Tackling Climate Change with Innovation

Air New Zealand's Mission NextGen Aircraft program was announced last month with the goal of accelerating the adoption of zero-emission aircraft. The airline is aiming to have its first zero emissions flight from 2026.

Greg Foran, CEO of Air New Zealand, stated: "Mission NextGen Aircraft represents a significant commitment to the development of sustainable aircraft and the supporting infrastructure needed to decarbonize our domestic flights. Eviation's all-electric Alice aircraft is a natural fit for the program with its proven technology that is optimized for short-range flights."

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