

Condor takes delivery of its first Airbus A320neo

Condor has taken delivery of its first Airbus A320neo on lease from Avolon following an event in Toulouse. The new aircraft is part of the airline's ongoing fleet modernisation which already includes the A330neo for long-haul routes. By operating aircraft from the A320 and the A330neo families, Condor will fully benefit from the advantages of commonality between these two aircraft family types.

Condor has operated the A320 family on its European route network for more than 20 years. With the introduction of the A320neo, Condor is building on this wealth of experience and benefiting from additional efficiency and comfort advantages the A320neo offers.

The new A320neo fleet will be powered by Pratt & Whitney engines and offer passengers maximum comfort with Airbus' unique Airspace cabin. At the end of March 2024, the A320neo family had won more than 10000 orders from over 130 customers.

Thanks to modern engines and improved aerodynamics, the A320 family models reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by at least 20% compared to the previous generation aircraft and reduce noise by 50%. Since its entry into service in 2016, Airbus has delivered over 3000 A320neo Family aircraft.

Quelle:

Airbus Press Release 24 April 2024

Boeing T-7A Red Hawk Triples Progress

- Three development milestones recently completed
- Flight testing continues, including high angle of attack

The Boeing [NYSE: BA] T-7A Red Hawk achieved three recent milestones, propelling the advanced pilot trainer for the U.S. Air Force forward.

Climate Chamber Test: T-7A aircraft APT-3, one of five engineering and manufacturing development aircraft, underwent rigorous testing at Eglin Air Force Base, enduring temperatures ranging from -25°F to 110°F. This test evaluated the aircraft system's performance, including propulsion, hydraulic, fuel, electrical, secondary power, environmental control, and overall operations in extreme environmental conditions. The aircraft has since returned to St. Louis for testing.

Escape System Test: Boeing and the Air Force conducted a dynamic sled test in February at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The test focused on design enhancements in the Collins Aerospace, an RTX business, ACES 5 ejection seat and Pacific Scientific EMC's canopy fracturing system to reduce the risk of injury. During the test, the team implemented variable timing to slow down the ejection seat, using the drogue chute and investigated canopy fracturing system patterns. The team is now preparing to move forward with the next round of development testing.

Flight Control Law: Boeing completed development in February of a new software flight control law and since then, has flown the aircraft more than 10 times, reaching 25-degree

angle of attack. Additionally, three of those flights demonstrated the aircraft's ability to achieve fine tracking while in high angle of attack, a key capability for pilot training. Incorporation of control law 17.5 clears the path for the Air Force to start high angle of attack and departure resistance testing at Edwards Air Force Base.

“The T-7A Red Hawk is poised to revolutionize pilot training, delivering enhanced safety, performance and adaptability, and completing these three milestones shows significant progress in the program's development,” said Evelyn Moore, vice president and program manager, T-7 Programs. “We will continue with flight testing and the next round of escape system testing throughout this year and into 2025.”

While the T-7A Red Hawk continues to progress in testing and flight completions, Boeing is also building a new production line for low-rate initial production (LRIP) of the T-7A. The company is slated to load the first forward and aft fuselages for LRIP midyear as suppliers are already underway developing parts for production.

Quelle:

Boeing Press Release 29 April 2024

China Southern Airlines erhält ihren ersten C919-Jet im August

China Southern Airlines wird ihren ersten C919-Jet im August erhalten, sagte Generaldirektor Han Wensheng am Dienstag.

Han Wensheng äußerte sich auf einer Bilanzveranstaltung, die auf einer Plattform der Shanghai Stock Exchange live übertragen wurde.

Die in Guangzhou ansässige Fluggesellschaft hatte am Montag erklärt, dass sie 100 der im Inland produzierten C919 kaufen werde. Damit ist sie die letzte der drei staatlichen Fluggesellschaften, die den schmalen Passagierjet kauft.

Quelle:

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Mr. Luo Xingping appointed as Member of Standing Committee of the Party Committee of COMAC, Secretary of Commission for Discipline Inspection of COMAC, and Supervisory Attache of the State Committee of Supervisory of the People's Republic of China in COMAC.

Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd. (COMAC) held the 180th Meeting of Standing Committee of the Party Committee on April 2nd, 2024, and informed the decision of higher authorities on the appointment of leaders of COMAC: Comrade Luo Xingping would serve as a Member of Standing Committee of the Party Committee of COMAC, Secretary of Commission for Discipline Inspection of COMAC, and Supervisory Attache of the State Committee of Supervisory of the People's Republic of China in COMAC. The appointment and removal of relevant posts were subject to relevant laws and regulations.

Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Luo Xingping

Mr. Luo Xingping, Han nationality, born in April 1970, is a member of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and graduated as a postgraduate. He is currently a Member of Standing Committee of the Party Committee of COMAC, Secretary of Commission for Discipline Inspection of COMAC, and Supervisory Attache of the State Committee of Supervisory of the People's Republic of China in COMAC.

Quelle:

COMAC Press Release 02 April 2024

Becker Avionics has been awarded an Ecovadis Silver rating

Becker Avionics is a leading manufacturer for avionics equipment and is glad to announce that it has been awarded an Ecovadis Silver rating in 2023, affirming the company's commitment to sustainability and responsible business practices. This prestigious recognition places Becker Avionics in the top 15% of companies assessed for sustainability on a global scale.

EcoVadis, a globally trusted provider of sustainability ratings, has a massive network of over 100,000 rated companies worldwide. The organisation evaluates company's performance through focusing on four key pillars: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics, and Sustainable Procurement.

“We are very glad to be recognized by EcoVadis for our efforts.” said Stefan Gramolla, CEO of Becker Avionics. It affirms our strong efforts to improve the environmental performance – while exciting our consumers and delivering exceptional results.”

Quelle:

Becker Press Release 05 March 2024

China's third aircraft carrier begins its maiden sea trial

The CNS Fujian, China's third aircraft carrier, started its maiden sea trial on Wednesday morning, according to the People's Liberation Army Navy.

The PLA Navy announced the development in a brief statement without elaborating on details such as the schedule and planned location of the trial.

It said the colossal vessel set sail around 8 am and the sea trial is intended for verifying the reliability and stability of the carrier's propulsion and electric power systems.

As one of the most important military hardware China is working on, the Fujian was officially unveiled in June 2022 in Shanghai as it was towed out of its dry dock at the China State Shipbuilding Corp's Jiangnan Shipyard.

Upon its completion, the gigantic vessel will displace more than 80,000 metric tons of water. It will be the largest and mightiest warship any Asian nation has ever built, as well as the world's biggest non-American aircraft carrier.

Currently, the Navy operates two aircraft carriers — the CNS Liaoning and the CNS Shandong. Both have a standard displacement of around 50,000 tons and a conventional propulsion system, and they use a ski jump method for launching fixed-wing aircraft.

Compared with its two predecessors, the Fujian is much bigger and heavier and has a larger flight deck and smaller superstructure.

The Liaoning underwent 10 sea trials before going into service, and the Shandong conducted nine before its commissioning.

Quelle:
China Daily 01 May 2024

CAE announces changes to its Defense & Security business leadership team

CAE Inc. today announced changes to its Defense & Security business unit's leadership team. Jason Goodfriend has been appointed Interim Group President, Defense & Security, effective immediately.

Mr. Goodfriend replaces Daniel Gelston, who will remain at CAE in a supporting capacity through May 2024. CAE thanks Mr. Gelston for his vision, leadership and many accomplishments and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Mr. Goodfriend, based in Chantilly, Virginia, joined CAE in January 2023 as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for CAE's Defense & Security business unit. CAE created the COO position at the Defense & Security business unit level as part of a series of organizational and structural changes intended to improve execution and performance. Since then, Mr. Goodfriend has been responsible for managing strategic, operational, and tactical efforts to deliver effective and efficient operations.

Mr. Goodfriend came to CAE with over 20 years of experience in the government and private sectors leading and managing organizations and P&L execution for defence companies including BAE Systems Inc., and Akima, LLC. Mr. Goodfriend also brings valuable insight into our defence customers as a distinguished U.S. Army veteran.

A search is currently being conducted for a permanent Group President among several highly qualified external and internal candidates with proven track-records of execution in the defence sector to lead and accelerate the transformation of CAE's Defense & Security business.

CAE also announced the recent appointment of Srini Dixit as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Defense & Security. Mr. Dixit has an extensive background that includes structural engineering, international business management, oversight of multi-billion-dollar strategic business units, and leadership of large finance teams. He joined CAE in March 2024 from RTX Corporation where he served as Vice President Finance and CFO of RTX's Raytheon Air Power strategic business. Before that, Mr. Dixit held various defence unit financial leadership positions for over a decade at Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Quelle:

CAE Press Release 04 April 2024

Diehl Aviation mit dem Best Supplier Award 2024 von Embraer ausgezeichnet

Diehl Aviation erhält von seinem langjährigen Partner Embraer den diesjährigen Best Supplier Award in der Kategorie Interior. Der brasilianische Flugzeughersteller würdigt damit das innovative Design, die Benutzerfreundlichkeit und die Systemarchitektur von Diehl sowie die herausragende Produktqualität und die hohe Zuverlässigkeit der Lieferkette.

Diehl Aviation ist mit dem Embraer Best Supplier Award 2024 in der Kategorie Interior ausgezeichnet worden. Die Preisverleihung fand im Rahmen der Embraer Supplier Conference im Werk Gavião Peixoto (GPX) in Brasilien statt. Mit der Auszeichnung würdigt der brasilianische Flugzeughersteller das innovative Design, die Benutzerfreundlichkeit und die Systemarchitektur von Diehl sowie die herausragende Produktqualität und die äußerst zuverlässige Lieferkette. Embraer schätzt die Kompetenz von Diehl Aviation bei der Entwicklung nachhaltiger und innovativer Produkte und Lösungen für eine ökoeffiziente Luftfahrtindustrie. Auch bei der Gestaltung zukünftiger Kabinenkonzepte bringt Diehl Aviation sein Know-how ein.

„Wir blicken auf eine enge und erfolgreiche Partnerschaft mit Embraer. Der Gewinn des begehrten Best Supplier Award in der Kategorie Interior macht uns sehr stolz. Er ist nicht nur eine Anerkennung unserer Leistung, sondern auch das Ergebnis des großen Engagements und

Einsatzes jedes einzelnen Mitarbeiters in unserem Unternehmen. Es ist eine besondere Ehre für das gesamte Diehl-Team, diese Auszeichnung für unsere langjährige und zuverlässige Zusammenarbeit zu erhalten", sagt Dr. Jörg Schuler, CEO von Diehl Aviation. „Wir haben uns verpflichtet, Embraer mit unserer operativen Exzellenz, unserer Qualität und unseren Innovationen zu unterstützen - und das entlang der gesamten Wertschöpfungskette“.

Die Zusammenarbeit zwischen Embraer und Diehl Aviation besteht bereits seit mehr als 15 Jahren. Seit 2008 liefert das Unternehmen die rezirkulierende Bordtoilette und die Wassersysteme für die Embraer Phenom 100/300. Das Ergebnis dieser langjährigen erfolgreichen Beziehung ist der Embraer Best Supplier Award 2024. Darüber hinaus liefert Diehl seit 2015 ein Produktpaket für die Embraer E-Jet E2-Familie, bestehend aus dem Kabinenbeleuchtungssystem, der Passagierserviceeinheit, dem Notbeleuchtungssystem und dem Kabinenmanagementsystem.

Quelle:

Diehl Press Release 01 May 2024

HENSOLDT completes management change

Oliver Dörre new Chairman of the Management Board – New distribution of responsibilities on the Management Board

Oliver Dörre has taken over as Chairman of the Management Board of the HENSOLDT Group with effect from 1 April 2024. As a member of the Management Board, Dörre had worked closely with his predecessor Thomas Müller since the beginning of the year to ensure a smooth succession.

The handover is the result of long-term succession planning announced in March last year. Together with Oliver Dörre, Chief Financial Officer Christian Ladurner, Chief Human Resources Officer Dr Lars Immisch and Celia Pelaz as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) will form HENSOLDT's management body with immediate effect.

As CEO, Oliver Dörre will be directly responsible for all HENSOLDT divisions, among other things, as part of a new division of responsibilities. He will also be responsible for external and customer relations and the internationalisation strategy. In her new role as COO, Celia Pelaz will be responsible for optimising HENSOLDT's process and organisational efficiency and promoting innovation in order to expand delivery capability in terms of both quantity and quality.

Oliver Dörre, CEO of HENSOLDT, says: "On our way to becoming a solution provider, we will implement our strategy in a focussed and consistent manner. In view of the growing demand for innovative defence and security solutions for reconnaissance, surveillance and self-protection, we will sustainably expand our delivery capacity and continuously improve our operational capabilities. We will systematically open up new markets and drive forward the digitalisation of our products and solutions as well as our company. In recent years, HENSOLDT has laid a strong foundation for further development with very good business results. We will consistently pursue this profitable growth path, create added value for our investors and continue to be a reliable, innovative partner for our customers in the future."

Before joining HENSOLDT, Oliver Dörre was CEO and Chairman of the Management Board of Thales Germany. With his many years of experience in the development of innovative

technologies, sales and business development, the multi-award-winning former general staff officer will contribute his extensive knowledge of the defence and security solutions of the future to the management of HENSOLDT.

Reiner Winkler, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of HENSOLDT, says: "On behalf of the entire Supervisory Board, I would like to welcome Oliver Dörre as Chairman of the Management Board and I am delighted about the new division of responsibilities on the Management Board. I am convinced that the new Management Board team will comprehensively fulfil the significantly increased requirements of our customers in order to also meet the expectations of the capital market."

Winkler continued: "On behalf of the entire Supervisory Board, I would like to thank Thomas Müller most sincerely for his successful work since HENSOLDT was founded in 2016. Today, HENSOLDT is a listed pioneer in the field of technology and innovation in defence and security electronics. The company is very well positioned in highly attractive growth markets. And the recent successful operating performance and the development of the share price are clear evidence that HENSOLDT has a very strong foundation. These are achievements to which Thomas Müller has made a significant contribution with his tireless commitment."

In the past financial year, HENSOLDT built up an order backlog of almost 6 billion euros. With its strategic focus and the efficient further development of its operating business, HENSOLDT will continue to expand its leading position in the global defence and security market.

Quelle:

HENSOLDT Press Release 08 April 2024

HENSOLDT Singapore enters into strategic collaboration with HTX

Next-generation rapid deployable CUAS System for urban security

HENSOLDT, a leading sensor solution provider, announces its collaboration with Singapore's HTX (Home Team Science and Technology Agency), to drive the advancement of Rapid Deployable Counter UAV Systems (CUAS) for urban environment. This collaboration is a response to the ever-increasing threat posed by over-the-counter drones. Combining HENSOLDT Singapore's specialized software expertise, system integration skills, and operational insights from HTX, the collaboration aims to deliver an integrated solution that meets the unique demands of an urban environment.

The rapid deployable CUAS system, a key outcome of this partnership, incorporates HENSOLDT's Z:ASSESS software and state-of-the-art Multi-Sensors Data Fusion (MSDF). The system is built on an extremely modular and scalable concept, includes Surveillance Radar, EO/IR cameras, Jammer and allowing seamless integration of additional sensors to enhance its capabilities. This CUAS suite is designed to provide real-time threat detection and mapping, offering users a comprehensive view of identified threats overlaid on chosen zones. The system is showcased for the first time at the HTX Pavilion at Milipol Asia-Pacific-TechX Summit 2024.

The collaboration illustrates the high level of cooperation between HENSOLDT Singapore and HTX. “This is only the beginning of such strategic partnerships between the HTX Singapore and HENSOLDT Singapore. We look forward to expanding this relationship in the near future”, says Ines Maiwald, Head of Business Development Asia at HENSOLDT.

"The collaboration aims to address the unique challenges presented by urban environments, providing an effective solution for CUAS in Singapore", says Dr. Ben Soon, Senior Principal Engineer from HTX, who played a crucial role in architecting the system's design.

HENSOLDT Singapore has previously demonstrated its expertise in drone defense through its CUAS system. This collaboration with HTX signifies a shared commitment to advancing security measures and responding proactively to evolving threats. The CUAS system is not only intended for permanent deployment but also for temporary protection during major events, showcasing its versatility and adaptability.

The collaboration also represents a significant step in addressing the complex security landscape associated with unmanned aerial systems in urban areas. This joint effort is poised to set new standards for CUAS technology, contributing to enhanced security and protection against emerging threats.

Quelle:

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