

Press release

## **ATR 42/72 Entry into Service – Liebherr with New Air Management System on Board**

**The new integrated air management system developed and manufactured by Liebherr-Aerospace entered into service with ASL Airlines Ireland – on behalf of FedEx – on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, during the first commercial flight of ATR’s 42/72 aircraft family. The newly enhanced system improves on-board comfort for passengers and crew while at the same time substantially reducing operational costs.**

Toulouse (France) - December 2020 – ATR and Liebherr-Aerospace are very happy to have strengthened their long-term relationship for the ATR 42/72 program, and to cross the milestone of having this inaugural flight – in this case with a cargo aircraft version.

“In today’s competitive aviation landscape, it is imperative to constantly evaluate best-in-class partners, and Liebherr was able to deliver not only cost-effectiveness, but, most importantly, performance enhancements. Liebherr’s footprint in our ATR family has now been expanded from pressurization and anti-ice components to bleed and air management systems as well as ground cooling system”, said David Brigante, ATR Senior Vice President Programmes and Customer Services.

Liebherr-Aerospace will also be responsible for product support of ATR’s fleet under the ATR Global Maintenance Agreement (GMA). The two companies signed a 10 year commitment and Liebherr-Aerospace will be the exclusive product support provider for the new air management system worldwide. The agreement will be carried out by Liebherr-Aerospace’s service stations in Toulouse (France), center of excellence for air management systems, Singapore and Saline, Michigan (USA). Developments are well under way to provide ATR with cutting edge technology that includes predictive maintenance services. The goal is to reduce aircraft downtime, optimize spare parts inventory and increase reliability - all while reducing costs.

“We are honored to have been selected by ATR back in 2016 to be the supplier of the new enhanced air management system for their fleet. This contract represents a major win for our organization, because not only we will manufacture the system, but also, most importantly, we get to support it. Our focus on long-term customer satisfaction is what has earned us the repeat business of our valued customers. We take great pride in not just meeting, but

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consistently exceeding, our service levels”, said Alex Vlieland, Chief Services Officer, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS.

#### **About Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation**

Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, Toulouse (France), is one of eleven divisional control companies within the Liebherr Group and coordinates all activities in the aerospace and transportation systems sectors. Liebherr-Aerospace is a leading supplier of systems for the aviation industry and has more than six decades of experience in this field. The range of aviation equipment produced by Liebherr for the civil and military sectors includes flight control and actuation systems, gears and gearboxes, landing gear and air management systems as well as electronics. These systems are deployed in wide-bodied aircraft, single aisle and regional aircraft, business jets, combat aircraft, military transporters, military training aircraft, civil helicopters and combat helicopters.

Liebherr’s aerospace and transportation systems division employs around 6,200 people. It has four aviation equipment production plants at Lindenberg (Germany), Toulouse (France), Guaratinguetá (Brazil) and Nizhny Novgorod (Russia). These production sites offer a worldwide service with additional customer service centers in Saline (Michigan/USA), Seattle (Washington/USA), Montreal (Canada), Hamburg (Germany), Moscow (Russia), Dubai (UAE), Bangalore (India), Singapore and Shanghai (People’s Republic of China).

#### **About the Liebherr Group**

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product portfolio. The company is not only one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world, but also provides high-quality and user-oriented products and services in a wide range of other areas. The Liebherr Group includes over 140 companies across all continents, employs more than 48,000 staff and in 2019 achieved combined revenues of over 11.7 billion euros. Since its foundation in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in Southern Germany, Liebherr has been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation, and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers.

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The new freighter aircraft ATR 72-600F - © ATR

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