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PNG Air signs for 5 more ATR 72-600s

PNG Air today announced that it has agreed to acquire 5 more brand new ATR 72-600 aircraft from the manufacturer, the French company ATR, with the first of the new aircraft to be delivered in 2019.

The airline will have 5 ATRs in its fleet by December this year, giving it the youngest fleet in the country, and will have 2 more ATRs by the end of 2017. The 5 additional new aircraft will bring the total ATR fleet to 12.

Muralee Siva, CEO of PNG Air, said “The introduction of the brand new ATR 72-600s underpins our strategy to bring modern, affordable, comfortable and dependable air services to the PNG domestic market. PNG deserves the best.”

“This order moves us closer to operating an all ATR fleet and we’re delighted that progressively more and more of our passengers will be flying on the ATR. As the new ATRs have come in we have reduced our Dash 8 fleet, and that process will continue. The Dash 8 remains a very good and capable aircraft, and will continue to operate on the smaller regional hubs and in providing excellent freight services,” Mr Siva said.

“We have been very pleased with the performance and reliability of the ATR, and our passengers appreciate flying in brand new state of the art aircraft and enjoy the comfort they offer,” Mr Siva added.

ATR aircraft are the world’s best-selling regional turboprop aircraft, representing 80% of sales for such aircraft since 2010, and are flown by over 60 carriers in Asia and the Pacific.

PNG Air Limited operates ATR 72-600 and Dash 8 aircraft to 22 ports throughout PNG, with 470 flights each week carrying over 400,000 passengers each year.

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