



ACIA Aero Leasing delivers ATR72-500 Large Cargo Door (LCD) to Canadian airline, Air Creebec

Dublin, Ireland – November 22, 2024 - ACIA Aero Leasing (“ACIA”), a leading provider of regional aircraft leasing and lease management services, today announced the sale of an ATR 72-500 LCD freighter (MSN727) to Canadian regional airline, Air Creebec. The aircraft is the airline’s first ATR to be introduced to its fleet. The aircraft will enter operations in December 2024, serving Air Creebec’s multiple cargo contracts throughout Canada.

Originally converted to a bulk freighter in 2021, the aircraft has been upgraded with a Large Cargo Door (LCD) at Empire Aerospace, in Idaho, USA.

“We welcome Air Creebec as a new customer and are delighted they approached ACIA Aero Leasing for their first ATR. The Canadian market represents multiple opportunities for the ATR platform across both passenger and cargo requirements and we see strong potential to further strengthen our customer base in this key market. The fact that we were able to reconfigure the aircraft from standard BFC to LCD variant, incorporating the large cargo door, maintenance and paint in under 6 months, reaffirms our leadership in the market for ATR freighter solutions,” commented Mark Dunnachie, SVP Commercial, ACIA Aero Leasing.

“We are delighted to be taking delivery of our first ATR aircraft from ACIA Aero Leasing. The LCD variant will afford us greater flexibility in our cargo operations as we improve essential access to food and necessities to our remote clients in the far North. As the main airline in our region, Air Creebec needs to provide innovative solutions to our vast variety of clients. With our new LCD ATR72-500 from ACIA, we are proud to be the pioneer and leader in cargo transportation in our area and are very excited to further develop our expertise” commented the airline’s President and CEO, Tanya Pash.

About Air Creebec

Air Creebec celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2022. Today, the airline operates 18 passenger airliners and two cargo aircraft.

Air Creebec Inc. is a regional airline based in Val-d'Or, Quebec, Canada. It operates scheduled and charter services to 16 destinations in Quebec and Ontario. Its main base is Val-d'Or Airport, with a hub at Timmins Victor M. Power Airport.

The airline’s fleet includes 20 aircraft, primarily De Havilland Canada Dash 8 models, and one Hawker Siddeley HS 748 cargo aircraft. The HS748 will be retired and replaced by the ATR. Air Creebec provides essential air services to remote Cree communities, many of which are not accessible by road.

About ACIA Aero Leasing

ACIA Aero Leasing (“ACIA”), a subsidiary of ACIA Aero Capital (“ACIA Group”), is a leading regional aircraft lessor headquartered in Ireland, with offices located in France, The United

Kingdom and South Africa. ACIA was established in 2004 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2024. ACIA manages a portfolio of nearly 70 regional passenger and freighter aircraft on lease to operators in more than 21 countries globally. Through its strategic partnerships, ACIA provides airlines with turnkey leasing solutions from dry leasing through to charter operations.

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