



Reims Aviation has won the call for tenders from the French Customs to equip eight surveillance aircraft and announces the signature of a memorandum of understanding for the delivery of ten F406 aircraft

Reims Aviation, the subsidiary of GECI Aviation, announces that it has won, in partnership with EADS-DS, the call for tenders to equip eight King Air 350 Beechcraft aircraft and the signature today of a memorandum of understanding for the delivery of ten F406 aircraft.

The call for tenders covers the installation of panoramic radars, electro-optical and infrared turrets, pollution prevention radars and scanners, communication and direction finding systems.

The aircraft with this equipment will perform maritime surveillance, marine pollution detection and air-sea rescue missions, throughout the Mediterranean. This contract represents a total sum of €5.5 M for Reims Aviation Industries.

The memorandum of understanding signed today concerns the supply to a Chinese customer of ten F406 aircraft with six commuter version aircraft, including a fire detection system for two of them, and four SURMAR (maritime surveillance) version aircraft.

The signature of the sales contract for a sum of €50 M was set in the memorandum of understanding for the end of December 2010. The first delivery is planned for the end of December 2011 and the schedule provides for the delivery of one aircraft per quarter.

These signatures confirm operators' interest in the F406, and express the strong commercial dynamic that is the fruit of cooperation between group's companies.

With these successes, Reims Aviation Industries demonstrates its know-how in integrating high technology systems and its ability to extend its activity to multi-platform system integration.

About GECI International:

For 30 years, GECI International has been established as a specialist high technology engineering company with a preponderant presence in the world of aeronautics. Working in the four corners of the world, GECI International's 950 staff, engineers and researchers are constantly ready to meet the technological challenges of today and the future.

Combining commitment, excellence, passion and innovation, GECI International is active on two fronts: GECI Engineering, offering expertise and solutions in the aeronautics, transport and infrastructures sectors, and GECI Aviation, an 88.58% subsidiary, offering a range of twin turboprop aircraft: the F406 and the Skylander SK-105.

The F406, produced by Reims Aviation Industries, is recognised by operators worldwide as an aircraft particularly suited to surveillance missions. The Skylander SK-105, produced by Sky Aircraft, stands out due to its exceptional performances, its ability to operate in extreme environments and its very competitive acquisition and maintenance costs.

With F406's success in the surveillance market and the Skylander, an aircraft without equal in its category, GECI Aviation intends to play a major part in the world of light twin turboprop aircraft.

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