

PRESS RELEASE
Production of the 100th F406
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GECI Aviation, a subsidiary of GECI International, celebrates putting the 100th F406 aircraft into production

GECI Aviation, a subsidiary of the GECI International group, continues to develop as Reims Aviation Industries starts production of the 100th F406 in its Reims Prunay factory. This aircraft, which is intended for a Chinese customer and part of an Memorandum of Understanding for ten aircraft, will be configured in the commuter version. Its delivery is scheduled for the end of 2011.

To celebrate this event, GECI Aviation welcomed around 200 international aviation industry professionals, elected representatives, representatives of local and regional authorities and journalists to its Reims Prunay site on the 30th of November.

An audience of specialists to whom Serge Bitboul, CEO of the GECI International Group, presented GECI Aviation's strategy and reasserted its ambition to eventually take its place among the world's major names in aircraft building.



A very promising market situation

"The production of the 100th F406 demonstrates the success achieved by this aircraft and the fact that it satisfies both its operators and pilots" Serge Bitboul pointed out at the event. "The F406 is positioned in a very promising market, with strong growth in needs in terms of surveillance and security".

The twin turboprop F406, which is designed for the installation of high technology systems, is a benchmark recognised worldwide for maritime surveillance, pollution control, the fight against terrorism and mapping missions as well as for regional passenger or freight transport (12 in the commuter version).

Since it took over Reims Aviation Industries in 2008, the GECI International group has reinvigorated the company and considerably developed the F406's commercial portfolio, which now stands at 220 aircraft. 17 of them are the subject of formal agreements with customers in the form of firm orders, Memoranda of Understanding or Letters of Intent. This portfolio should be further strengthened by the contacts made with the international operators present at the Reims Prunay site on the 30th of November.

In order to deal with this market demand, Reims Aviation Industries is taking measures to step up its production capacity and increase from six aircraft in the 2010/2011 financial year to ten in the next year, twelve starting from 2013/2014 and then fourteen from the 2015/2016 financial year onwards.

The Skylander programme is on the move

In parallel to the F406's commercial rebirth, GECI International is developing the Skylander programme on its Sky Aircraft subsidiary's site at Chambley, in Lorraine. The Skylander, a twin turboprop aircraft capable of transporting 19 passengers or 2.7 metric tons of freight, is without equal on the market in terms of payload, range and modularity.

Operators worldwide have high expectations of its ability to ensure the regional transport of freight and passengers, for both civil and government missions, and to operate in extreme environments on short and roughly prepared airstrips.

GECI Aviation: a new dimension

With the F406 and the Skylander SK-105, GECI Aviation is offering the world market a complementary range of aircraft that should enable the group to develop natural synergies in fields such as research and development, marketing and sales, systems integration and customer support.

By building on the strengths of these two companies, Reims Aviation Industries and Sky Aircraft, the subsidiary of the GECI International group is giving itself the means to attain its objective of eventually taking its place among the world's 15 leading aircraft builders.

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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