

**PRESS RELEASE**

**New Order for an F406 aircraft**

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**A passion for excellence and innovation**

**F406: A NEW ORDER FOR GECI AVIATION**

**A new order**

GECI can confirm its penetration into the surveillance sector with the announcement today of the signing of an order for an F406 surveillance aircraft. This is in addition to the 7 mission aircraft already subject to agreements that are to be delivered to China.

This new order confirms the company's prime position in the growing surveillance market and its command of complex system integration.

**Building up the order book**

Today, the number of F406 aircraft subject to agreements (Letters of Intent, Memoranda of Understanding and Orders) stands at 14.

Meanwhile, the Skylander, the only new western aircraft in the 19 seat niche, is pursuing its planned programme. With its exceptional performance, ability to operate on short and rudimentary runways and very large range the Skylander is generating increasing interest, making the production objective of 1,500 aircraft look perfectly achievable. The number of Skylander aircraft that are currently subject to agreements is 111.

The total number of aircraft subject to agreements – the F406 and the Skylander – stands at 125, representing a potential turnover for our family of aircraft of more than € 500 M.

**The first Skylander flight**

All of the teams have been mobilised for the Skylander's first flight and the test campaigns, which are to start in the second half of 2012: 200 staff are now working at the Chambley site in Lorraine where the aircraft will be assembled. All of the aircraft equipment manufacturers, system manufacturers, and suppliers have been selected and almost all the aerostructures will produced in France. The final assembly building for the first 4 test aircraft will soon be operational, with receipt of the first stands and tools before the end of 2011. Type certification is planned for the second half of 2013 and the first deliveries of production aircraft will follow.

## About GECI International

For 30 years, GECI International has been a leading name in high-tech engineering, with a focus on the aeronautics sector. The 1.000 employees, scientists and researchers at GECI International work all over the world to ensure that the technical challenges of today and tomorrow are met.

Combining excellence, passion and innovation, GECI International provides a range of expertise and global solutions in the aeronautics, transport and infrastructure sectors, via its GECI Engineering branch, and, via its GECI Aviation branch, a range of twin-turboprop aircraft: the F406 and the Skylander SK-105.

The F406, produced by Reims Aviation Industries and recognised by operators the world over as an aircraft particularly suited to surveillance missions; The Skylander SK-105, produced by Sky Aircraft, is famed for its exceptional performance, its ability to operate even in extreme environments, and its very competitive purchase and maintenance costs.

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