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## Posthumous award honours Sir Michael Marshall

The Air Charter Association has honoured Sir Michael Marshall with a posthumous award for his services to the aviation industry.

The Chairman's Award was presented by Air Charter Association Chairman, Nick Weston, and Deputy Chair, Julie Black, at the 17th annual Air Charter Excellence Awards ceremony at the Guildhall in London recently (Wednesday, 15 October).

The recipient of the award is chosen by the Chairman for outstanding contribution to the aviation industry.

Sir Michael Marshall, former Chairman of the Marshall Group, which includes Cambridge Airport, was active in the business his grandfather founded in the city in 1909 right up to his death this summer.

Mr Weston said: "Sir Michael Marshall's love of flying, his time in the RAF and his support of all things aerospace kept him busy. He was a vociferous advocate for women



in aerospace engineering, supported STEM education and ensured youngsters had the chance to experience the range of careers available. He was truly a force for good in the industry and it is fitting, therefore, that we celebrate his contribution to the industry here and honour him with this award."

He presented the award to Cambridge City Airport Director, Kevan Craske, who accepted on behalf of Sir Michael's widow, Sibyl.

He said: "Unfortunately Lady Marshall was not able to join us today, however I know she will, along with the rest of the family, be very moved by this award.

"I'd like to thank the Air Charter Association for this lovely tribute that will mean so much to Sir Michael's family and the wider Marshall team."

Sir Michael died in July while on holiday in Spain with his wife and friends

## MBDA ready to meet the challenge of Europe's missile defence



November 12, 2019, the Council of the European Union gave the green light to the TWISTER (Timely Warning and Interception with Space-based TheatER surveillance) capability project for implementation within the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) framework. This international missile defence project which already includes five European countries, seeks to develop with support from the European Defence Fund a European multi-role

interceptor to address emerging threats and be brought into service by 2030.

In addressing this capability gap, the interceptor component of the TWISTER project will ultimately become a key element in the contribution made by European countries to NATO's territorial, population and armed forces defence mission while meeting the European Union's level of ambition in the field of missile defence. By rationalising and pooling capabilities, the

## The Air Charter Association Excellence Awards 2019 - recognition for the best of the Air Charter Industry

On the 16th October The Air Charter Association welcomed nearly 400 guests to London's historic Guildhall to celebrate the presentation of the very first set of Awards following the Association's recent rebrand. Formerly known as the BACA Excellence Awards these awards are presented annually and are very hotly contested by all areas of the industry, with the event attracting guests from all over the world.

This year there was a new award, the Sir Michael Marshall Award for Diversity in Air Charter and some refinements to the existing award categories, to ensure that as many aspects of air charter were included as possible. Sir Michael, who sadly passed away earlier this year, led the renowned Marshall Group, founded by



his Grandfather in 1909.

The Chairman's Award was the final presentation of the day and it was entirely fitting that the award was made posthumously to Sir Michael Marshall, to recognise his considerable impact across all areas of the aviation industry throughout his lifetime. The

award was collected by Kevan Craske to a warm reception from the guests. The complete portfolio of Award winners was as follows;

Passenger Charter Operator of the Year - Executive (less than 18 seats) - Air Hamburg sponsored by Air Charter Service Passenger Charter

Operator of the Year - Airline (more than 18 seats) - Titan Airways - sponsored by Air Charter Service

Cargo Charter Operator of the Year - Jota Aviation - sponsored by Network Aviation Group

Handling Agent / FBO of the Year - Signature Flight Support - sponsored by Luxaviation UK

Aircraft Manufacturer of the Year - Embraer - sponsored by London Biggin Hill Airport

Young Person of the Year - Eduardo Costa - sponsored by Farnborough Airport

The Sir Michael Marshall Award for Diversity in Air

Charter - Dr Jaclyn Bell Sponsored by Cambridge Airport

The ACA Chairman's Award - Sir Michael Marshall - sponsored by Titan Airways

Chairman of The Air Charter Association, Nick Weston summed up the day by saying "This has been a wonderful awards lunch in an incredible venue. We are proud of the opportunity to celebrate the best and have finessed the event to ensure that all facets of our industry may have the chance to participate. I heartily congratulate all the winners and would like to thank the sponsors and all of the team at The Air Charter Association for making this such a successful Awards luncheon." The Air Charter Association was founded in

## DE HAVILLAND CANADA ARRIVES IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR DUBAI AIRSHOW

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (De Havilland Canada) today announced its participation in the upcoming Dubai Airshow in the United Arab Emirates. This will be the company's first appearance at the Dubai Airshow since the Dash 8 aircraft program was acquired by Longview Aviation Capital, and re-launched as De Havilland Canada in June 2019. During the biennial event, De Havilland Canada will showcase a Jambojet Dash 8-400 aircraft.



De Havilland Canada Chief Operating Officer, Todd Young and Vice President Sales and Marketing, Philippe Poutissou will host media briefings on Monday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 19. The briefings will be held at 1 p.m. (local time) in the Media Center – Press Conference Room.

“We are excited to be at the 2019 Dubai Airshow as De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and to be exhibiting a Jambojet aircraft,” said Mr. Young. “Our Dash 8-400 aircraft is well aligned with the requirements of a wide variety of operators and has the capability to increase revenue and expand regional networks. We are very pleased to count

Jambojet amongst our customers.

“We’re building on the market momentum of the launch of the 90-seat Dash 8-400 variant, the delivery of our 600th aircraft earlier this year, and the capture of our first firm order a few weeks ago as we continue to focus on the cost competitiveness of our aircraft across their lifespan and enhance our customer services and support,” added Mr. Young.

The Dash 8-400 aircraft offers customers jet-like performance with turboprop benefits. With more seats, jet-like speed, and more cargo capacity, airlines flying the

Dash 8-400 aircraft are able to generate more revenue per day. These attributes, which translate into superior economics, are further enhanced through Expliseat’s ultra-light TiSeat E2 seats. Depending on the configuration, the seats reduce in-flight weight by 300 to 1,000 lbs. and offer up to 1 per cent in fuel savings, while preserving passenger comfort. The TiSeat E2 for the Dash 8-400 aircraft will be demonstrated in De Havilland Canada’s Chalet during the Airshow.

De Havilland Canada will be located in Chalet A04 during the Airshow, which runs from November 17-21, 2019.

## WHO launches first-ever insulin prequalification programme to expand access to life-saving treatment for diabetes



The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced the start of a pilot programme to prequalify human insulin to increase treatment for diabetes in low- and middle-income countries.

The decision, announced ahead of World Diabetes Day (14 November), is part of a series of steps WHO will take to address the growing diabetes burden in all regions. About 65 million people with type 2 diabetes need insulin, but only half of them are able to access it, largely due to high prices. All people with type 1 diabetes need insulin to survive.

“Diabetes is on the rise globally, and rising faster in

low-income countries,” says Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “Too many people who need insulin encounter financial hardship in accessing it, or go without it and risk their lives. WHO’s prequalification initiative for insulin is a vital step towards ensuring everyone who needs this life-saving product can access it.”

Insulin prequalification can lead to lower prices

WHO prequalification of insulin is expected to boost access by increasing the flow of quality-assured products on the international market, providing countries with greater choice and patients with lower prices.

Insulin was discovered as a treatment for diabetes almost 100 years ago and has been on

WHO’s List of Essential Medicines since it was published in 1977. Despite an ample supply, insulin prices are currently a barrier to treatment in most low- and middle-income countries. Three manufacturers control most of the global market for insulin, setting prices that are prohibitive for many people and countries.

Access to insulin a challenge in many countries

Data collected by WHO in 2016-2019 from 24 countries on four continents showed that human insulin was available only in 61% of health facilities and analogue insulins in 13%. The data showed that a month’s supply of insulin would cost a worker in Accra, Ghana, the equivalent of 5.5 days of pay

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PESCO Member States will benefit from an operational capability in a class of its own and guarantee their strategic autonomy and freedom of action.

This new endo-atmospheric interceptor will address a wide range of threats including, manoeuvring ballistic missiles with intermediate ranges, hypersonic or high-supersonic cruise missiles, hypersonic gliders, and more conventional targets such as next-generation fighter aircraft. This Interceptor will integrate existing and future land and naval systems. MBDA is committed to meeting this need through next generation technologies and architectures building on national and company funded studies which have been conducted over the past five years. MBDA will also draw on its experience of industrial cooperation at European level, its long heritage of leading complex air defence programmes and its solid industrial relationships across the wider European landscape to establish a skills and capability led team.

“MBDA enthusiastically welcomes the Council’s decision,” says MBDA CEO Éric Béranger, “and will commit all its energy and extensive missile defence experience in future collaborative and cross-border R&T and R&D activities. This next generation interceptor project provides a unique opportunity for Europeans to converge their efforts in the field of missile defence and to secure sovereignty in an area vital to their strategic autonomy. These high-end interceptors are technologically demanding and their development will represent a qualitative leap forward for Europe’s entire missile sector. Our industrial model as a European champion gives us the critical mass

necessary to deliver this challenging project through cooperation with our European industrial partners.”

The TWISTER project is the second missile systems project to be supported under the new European defence agenda following the Beyond Line Of Sight (BLOS) capability programme which became part of PESCO in November 2018 and for which MBDA has put forward its 5th generation ground combat system., the only solution under European design authority that gives front-line combat units the ability to fire beyond the direct line of sight while maintaining man-in-the-loop decision-making

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1949 at London's Baltic Exchange. In the following 70 years the Association has represented the interests of professionals working in the Air Charter industry to regulatory authorities and Governments around the world. Led by a Chair and Council of 14 active professionals in air charter, the Association continues to fight for the rights of over 250 members around the globe as well as providing networking opportunities for members to grow their businesses. Members including Charter Brokers, Passenger and Cargo Airlines, Business Jet Operators and a number of leading supporting providers to



The world’s most trusted aircraft dealers.

per month, or 22% of his/her earnings.

In wealthy countries, people often have to ration insulin, which can be deadly for people who do not get the right quantity of the medicine.

“Prequalifying products from additional companies will hopefully help to level the playing field and ensure a steadier supply of quality insulin in all countries,” says Dr Mariângela Simão, Assistant Director General for Medicines and Health products.

More than 420 million people live with diabetes. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death and a major cause of costly and debilitating complications such as heart attacks, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and lower limb amputations.

People with type 1 diabetes need insulin for survival and to maintain their blood glucose at levels to reduce the risk of common complications such as blindness and kidney failure. People with type 2 diabetes need insulin for controlling blood glucose

levels to avoid complications when oral medicines become less effective as the illness progresses.

Insulin prequalification is one of a number of steps WHO will take in the coming year to address the diabetes burden. Plans are underway to update diabetes treatment guidelines, devise price reduction strategies for analogues and improve delivery systems and access to diagnostics. WHO also works with countries to promote healthier diets and physical activity to lower people’s risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

entrepreneurship through easier access to the tourism market.

In the public sphere, policy-makers are waking up to the importance of gender equality in tourism and putting measures in place to ensure women fairly share the benefits that tourism can bring.

Speaking on these findings UNWTO Secretary-General, Zurab Pololikashvili, said “tourism is leading the charge

for female empowerment all over the world. Across the private and public sectors women are harnessing the potential of tourism to become financially independent, challenge stereotypes and start their own businesses. UNWTO is firmly committed to working towards UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 – the empowerment of women and girls – and ensuring that tourism continues to be at the forefront of gender-equality

## WHO prequalifies Ebola vaccine, paving the way for its use in high-risk countries

- The World Health Organization (WHO) today prequalified an Ebola vaccine for the first time, a critical step that will help speed up its licensing, access and roll-out in countries most at risk of Ebola outbreaks. This is the fastest vaccine prequalification process ever conducted by WHO.

Prequalification means that the vaccine meets WHO standards for quality, safety and efficacy. United Nations agencies and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, can procure the vaccine for at-risk countries based on this WHO recommendation.

“This is a historic step towards ensuring the people who most need it are able to access this life-saving vaccine,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “Five years ago, we had no vaccine and no therapeutics for Ebola. With a prequalified vaccine and experimental therapeutics, Ebola is now preventable and

treatable.”

The injectable Ebola vaccine, Ervebo, is manufactured by Merck (known as MSD outside the US and Canada). It has been shown to be effective in protecting people from the Ebola Zaire virus and is recommended by the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) for vaccines as part of a broader set of Ebola response tools. The decision is a step towards greater availability of the vaccine in the future, though licensed doses will only be available mid-2020.

This announcement comes less than 48 hours after the European Commission decision to grant a conditional marketing authorization for the vaccine, following the recommendation from the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Due to the urgent public health need for a prequalified Ebola vaccine, WHO accelerated

prequalification by reviewing safety and efficacy data as the information became available. Representatives from the prequalification team participated in the EMA evaluation process to address programmatic suitability for at-risk countries in Africa.

“The development, study, and rapid prequalification of this vaccine show what the global community can do when we prioritize the health needs of vulnerable people,” said Dr Tedros.

WHO is also facilitating licensing of the vaccine for use in countries at risk of Ebola outbreaks, based on the reviews and positive outcome by the EMA. WHO, with the support of EMA, has worked closely with many African regulators who have indicated they will quickly license the vaccine following the WHO recommendation.

The report also highlights how more and more women are challenging gender stereotypes in the sector. In Morocco, for example, women have been issued tour guide licenses for the first time. An airline in the UK has doubled the number of female pilots they employ and Uganda’s Hotel Owner’s Association is now led by its first female CEO. Technology has also been a catalyst for empowerment, providing women with access to more training opportunities and stimulating female

## Innovation and Rural Development Takes Center Stage For Ministers’ Summit at World Travel Market

Tourism leaders from across the public and private sectors came together at the World Travel Market (WTM) in London for a high-level discussion on tourism’s role in rural development, the challenges and the opportunities. The Ministers’ Summit on “Technology for Rural Development”, hosted by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in partnership with WTM, focused on tourism innovation and technology and their place in empowering rural communities.

The Ministers’ Summit was held as the UNWTO works with its Member States and alongside its fellow United Nations agencies to face up to the challenges posed by rising levels of urbanization.

According to the UN, 68% of the world’s population will live in cities by 2050. In many places, this has meant rural communities are “left behind”, and tourism has been identified as a key means of bridging the rural-urban divide by creating jobs and boosting economic sustainability.

Given the growing interest in rural development, the event, the 13th Ministers’ Summit held by UNWTO in partnership with WTM, attracted a large audience of delegates. Alongside 75 Ministers and Vice-Ministers of Tourism, members of the global media joined senior travel industry professionals for the high-level discussions, which were moderated by Nina Dos Santos, CNN’s Opening the Summit, Mr. Pololikashvili said: “Globally, poverty is overwhelmingly rural. This means, if we are

serious tourism being a driver growth and development, we must look outside of our cities: We need to work together to help even the smallest community enjoy the many and varied benefits that tourism can bring.”

Participants from both the private and public sector explored the potential benefits of digital technology, agreeing that innovation and knowledge dissemination will be vital for bridging the rural-urban divide. Alongside private sector leaders, the public sector was represented by highest-level tourism representatives from Albania, Bolivia, Colombia, Greece, Guatemala, Panama, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone and Yemen, in addition to Gloria Guevara, President and CEO of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) and UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili. Both public and private sector participants were united in their commitment to ensuring tourism’s contribution to rural development is geared to leaving no one behind. At its recent General Assembly, UNWTO announced “Rural Development and Tourism” as the theme for World Tourism Day 2020, the global observance day celebrated every 27 September and underscoring tourism’s socio-economic relevance. Against this backdrop, the outcomes of this year’s Ministers’ Summit at World Travel Market will serve as the foundations upon which to build the overarching thematic angle for many of UNWTO’s actions and initiatives around the world.

## Tourism Leading Other Global Sectors in Advancing Gender Equality,

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), in collaboration with UN Women, The German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), World Bank Group and Amadeus, has launched the long-awaited second edition of the Global Report on Women in Tourism. The publication highlights the progress the global tourism sector has made in advancing gender equality, with key case studies and statistics gathered from around the world. The key findings show that:

- The majority of the tourism workforce worldwide is female: 54% of people employed in tourism are women compared to 39% in the broader economy
- The wage-gap is smaller in the tourism sector: Women in tourism earn 14.7% less than men compared to 16.8% in the broader economy
- Tourism offers women more opportunities for leadership roles: 23% of tourism Ministers are female compared to 20.7% of Ministers overall

# Chairman Reed Highlights How EXIM Support for American Businesses Promotes Trade and Investment at the Indo-Pacific Business Forum in Bangkok

EXIM President and Chairman Kimberly A. Reed joined a panel on expanding commercial opportunities at the Indo-Pacific Business Forum. Left to right: Chairman Reed; Dr. Kobsak Pootrakool, deputy secretary general to the prime minister of Thailand; Brian Davis, president of Honeywell ASEAN; Jay Collins, vice chairman of Corporate Investment Banking, Citi; and moderator Kasemsit Pathomsak, deputy secretary general, Thai Chamber of Commerce.—

Kimberly A. Reed, president and chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), participated in the Indo-Pacific Business Forum and the East Asia Summit yesterday where she met with government and private-sector leaders to emphasize how EXIM can help facilitate trade in the Indo-Pacific region while creating American jobs at home.

The Indo-Pacific Business Forum focused on promoting trade, investment, and economic cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific region. The forum was co-organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Thai Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand and the U.S. ASEAN Business Council, and was supported by the U.S. and the Royal Thai governments. In addition to Chairman Reed, participating from EXIM were Stephen Renna, chief banking officer, and Isabel Galdiz, vice president of international relations. At the forum yesterday, Chairman Reed and Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI) Chairman and CEO Atsuo Kuroda signed a reciprocal co-financing agreement that will enable either EXIM or NEXI to take the lead as the “one-stop shop” on co-financed transactions supporting exports from the United States and Japan. Joining Chairman Reed and Chairman Kuroda on stage to witness the signing ceremony in front of an audience of nearly 1,000 business and government leaders were U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur L. Ross, an ex officio member



of EXIM’s board of directors; Tatsuya Terazawa, special advisor to the minister, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan; Keith Krach, U.S. under secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment; and Joseph Young, chargé d’affaires ad interim, U.S. Embassy Tokyo.

Chairman Reed spoke on a panel focused on “Expanding Commercial Opportunities in the Indo-Pacific.” The panel was moderated by Kasemsit Pathomsak, deputy secretary general of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, and also included Dr. Kobsak Pootrakool, deputy secretary general to the prime minister of Thailand; Jay Collins, vice chairman of corporate investment banking for Citi; and Brian Davis, president of Honeywell ASEAN. Chairman Reed discussed how EXIM can help finance projects in the region that help foster trade and investment. Since 2010, EXIM has provided more than \$41 billion in support of American business in the Indo-Pacific region. “The Export-Import Bank of the United States looks forward to working with our partners across the Indo-Pacific region to strengthen their economies by connecting them with quality ‘Made in the U.S.A.’ goods and services, and, when needed, EXIM’s loan, guarantee, and insurance programs to make these deals possible,” said Chairman Reed. “The Indo-Pacific Business Forum offers a

platform for business and government officials to discuss how trade, investment, and economic cooperation can strengthen those ties to create jobs and opportunities for the United States and our partners in the Indo-Pacific region. We share similar objectives of supporting jobs and improving lives.”

Chairman Reed then joined Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Robert O’Brien at the 14th Annual East Asia Summit. In his remarks at the summit (closed press), Ambassador O’Brien highlighted the work that EXIM and other U.S. government agencies are doing to support U.S. trade to and economic development in the region. Also participating in the East Asia Summit were Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Medvedev, President of South Korea Moon Jae-in, President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte, Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern, Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, Prime Minister of Malaysia Mahathir Mohamad, Premier of China Li Keqiang, Prime Minister of Thailand Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison, Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Sen, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, President of Indonesia Joko Widodo, Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe, and

Prime Minister of Laos Thongloun Sisoulith. Chairman Reed stated, “It was an honor to be with our National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien at the East Asia Summit as he addressed the heads of state and government of the ASEAN member states and other leaders about the economic commitment of the United States to the Indo-Pacific region. Ambassador O’Brien, like President Trump, knows the important role EXIM plays when it comes to both economic security and national security, and EXIM is fully committed, engaged, and ready, as appropriate, to support the sales of more ‘Made in the USA’ goods and services made by our great American workers to be exported to this important part of our world.”

At a press conference following the East Asia Summit, Ambassador O’Brien stated the following: “We are fully committed to the economic development, the growth, and the prosperity of Asia, particularly of Southeast Asia. Held in parallel to this summit was the Indo-Pacific Business Forum. My colleague Wilbur Ross, the Commerce secretary of the United States, led our delegation along with folks from OPIC [and] Kimberly Reed, the chairman of the EXIM Bank who is here for this press conference. We had a slew of important government leaders, economic leaders who were here for the business forum. And there were also a thousand business

executives from the United States and the Indo-Pacific region, from all areas of the Indo-Pacific, here trying to figure out how to grow their businesses and invest and sign the deals. It really was a spectacular event that took place, and, again, it demonstrates the strong economic relationship between the United States and the region here.”

While in Bangkok, Chairman Reed also participated in a panel discussion with the Secretarial Businesses Development Mission hosted by Commerce Secretary Ross. The panel included USTDA Director Thomas Hardy; OPIC Executive Vice President David Bohigian; Acting Assistant Treasury Secretary Mitchell Silk; and Patrick Wilson, director of the Commerce Department’s Office of Business Liaison, who served as moderator. They were joined by senior leaders representing 16 U.S. businesses and organizations.

Earlier in the week, Chairman Reed met on November 3 with representatives of the Export-Import Bank of Thailand (EXIM Thailand), the counterpart export credit agency to EXIM. Chairman Reed and the EXIM Thailand officials discussed ways to support trade between the United States and Thailand, as well as their mutual commitment to increase transparency and other reforms.



National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien and EXIM Chairman Kimberly Reed at the 14th Annual East Asia Summit in Bangkok.

## Flying Colours completes Honeywell Primus Elite & Ka-band upgrade on Bombardier Global Express.

North America-based Flying Colours Corp. – completed a retrofit of the Honeywell Primus Elite™ flight-deck for a Bombardier Global Express, along with installation of the Honeywell JetWave™ Ka-band system in an unusual two phase project. The dual avionics upgrade successfully modernised the privately-owned Bombardier Global Express to enhance the crew's situational awareness and add high-speed broadband, enabling powerful inflight connectivity capabilities for passengers.

The customer selected Flying Colours Corp. based on the team's flexibility around the installation process. "Timing was the biggest challenge for sure on this project," said Kevin Kliethermes, director of sales for Flying Colours Corp. "Due to flight schedules, the project was broken into two separate events and required all team members to work in concert to be successful." The work was completed at the company's Peterborough, ON, headquarters by the avionics team, which worked in close collaboration with Honeywell, Bombardier and its avionics colleagues at its Spirit of St. Louis facility in order to expedite the project within the challenging time frame.

As part of the Primus Elite upgrade, six all new Honeywell DU-875 displays were installed to replace old cathode ray tubes (CRT) monitors. The Primus



Elite Advanced Features' (PEAF) software suite is optimized on aircraft carrying a full complement of the new DU-875 displays. PEAFF adds a Synthetic Vision System (SVS) which provides 3-D color images of runways, terrain and obstacles, giving pilots a clear view of the virtual flight path. This increased level of situational awareness is particularly useful when flying to unfamiliar locations, in bad weather, or at night, as it helps reduce pilot workload and consequently errors.

The display upgrade also brings brighter, clearer, high resolution pictures to the pilots, yet the system runs cooler so creates less heat in cockpit making for a more comfortable working environment. In terms of operations the displays are seven pounds lighter per unit and overall lowers the cost of operations while doubling reliability. "There are

numerous benefits to this upgrade," said Kliethermes. "It removes CRT obsolescence issues and enables updates in the cockpit to the latest technology with a relatively quick turn time."

Complementing the flight-deck upgrade Flying Colours handled the installation of the Honeywell Ka-band JetWave system with the Flying Colours avionics team mounted a new radome, tail antenna and the Honeywell JetWave hardware which when connected with Inmarsat's Jet ConneX Ka-band network supplies the fastest broadband available for business aviation. The high-speed cabin WiFi delivers improved connectivity services enhancing the passenger experience. Video streaming, internet access, e-mailing, voice, cell phone usage and Honeywell's GoDirect suite of apps, are now available from take-off to landing around the globe (not including the polar regions).

## Daher expands Kodiak sales network in Asia



Daher continues the sales network expansion for its Kodiak product line, appointing two new sales agents in Asia. Daher announced today the appointment of two new sales agents in Asia for its Kodiak aircraft line: Altair Business Aviation based in Turkey, and Forth Corporation based in Thailand. This expansion into Asia will supplement the Kodiak's existing representation throughout Southeast Asia. "We have witnessed a steadily growing interest in Asia for the Kodiak, and we're pleased to welcome two new partners to the Kodiak family to support that interest," said Paul Branham, Kodiak Sales Director for Asia, Europe, Middle East and Africa. "We have full confidence in their ability to cement our reputation for best-in-class service and support across the multiple markets that the Kodiak attracts." Tuncel Gunenc, Managing

Director of Altair Business Aviation, commented: "The Kodiak is a robust, versatile aircraft, and easily the safest in its utility class with its modern FAA certification. We are thrilled to be introducing it to our market and look forward to working side-by-side with Daher."

Altair Business Aviation will be representing the Kodiak throughout Turkey. Jom Khamlaksana, Head of Aviation Maintenance and Technical Department for Forth Corporation, added: "We are honored to become a part of the team representing the Kodiak throughout our territory in Southeast Asia. I firmly believe we'll find it very warmly received, and a very successful product across multiple applications here." Forth Corporation has based its operations and maintenance service center in Bangkok, Thailand. Its territory includes Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Singapore

## Ontario Government Making Life More Affordable in the North

Reducing Aviation Fuel Tax Rate in Northern Ontario Part of the Government's Plan to Build Ontario Together

The Ontario government is delivering on its commitment to reduce the aviation fuel tax rate in Northern Ontario, helping to lower the cost of living for people in the region. Finance Minister Rod Phillips was joined by Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities and MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, at the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre to talk about the government's plan to make life more affordable and put more money in people's pockets. As announced in the 2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Build Ontario Together, the

government is proposing to cut the aviation fuel tax rate in the North to 2.7 cents per litre from 6.7 cents per litre. "Living in Northern Ontario can bring with it a higher cost of living, in part because of greater reliance on air travel and air freight," said Minister Phillips. "That is why we are helping reduce costs in this region by cutting the aviation fuel tax rate." The lower aviation fuel tax rate would help reduce costs on things like groceries and air travel. This reduced rate would apply to aviation fuel purchases in the North as of January 1, 2020.

"Our government has heard loud and clear that people from all walks of life - especially those who live in Northern Ontario - are tired of paying more and getting less," said Minister Phillips. "That is why we have a plan to make life more affordable for families and individuals in every corner of the province." Minister Romano added: "We are putting more money in people's pockets by reducing taxes, helping families with child care expenses and ensuring postsecondary education is affordable. By taking these concrete steps, we are ensuring that Ontario continues to be a place to live,

work and play." Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, will talk more about the government's plan to make life more affordable in Northern Ontario today at the Thunder Bay International Airport. "Northerners know all too well about the high costs of essential goods in the north and the great distances we travel as a part of everyday life," said Minister Rickford. "Our government recognizes these unique challenges, and through this aviation fuel tax cut, we are taking real action to make life more affordable for the hardworking families across Northern Ontario." Reducing the aviation fuel tax rate in Northern Ontario is part

of the government's balanced and prudent plan to build Ontario together. Ontario's plan is creating more jobs, putting more money in people's pockets, making our communities healthy, our streets safe, our commutes shorter and our government smarter.

### QUICK FACTS

- The reduced aviation fuel tax rate would apply to the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and Timiskaming.
- Buying groceries for a family of four in the North could cost about \$980 per month or more. This proposed tax rate reduction could save this family about \$230 per year.

## Government of Ontario Helping Small Business Owners Succeed

Small business tax cut and red tape reduction creating competitive business environment for Ontario

The Ontario government is lowering costs and eliminating unnecessary and outdated regulations for small business owners and entrepreneurs so they can invest in their businesses, attract new customers and clients, and transform their vision into a success.

In Ontario, small businesses make up 98 per cent of all businesses and account for a third of all private sector jobs. The government is committed to helping the people of Ontario follow their dreams of starting their own small business.

Today, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance was joined by Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, at Salon 247 in Brampton to talk about how the government's plan is creating a climate that will support and attract business investment and job creation. As announced in the 2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Build Ontario Together, the government is proposing to reduce the small business Corporate Income Tax rate to 3.2 per cent from 3.5 per cent, starting January 1, 2020. This would provide tax relief of up to \$1,500 annually to over 275,000 businesses — from family-owned shops to innovative start-ups, fulfilling the government's promise to cut small business tax rate by 8.7 per cent. In addition to providing tax relief, the government is providing

savings to small businesses by cancelling the cap-and-trade carbon tax, preventing an increase in the minimum wage and supporting WSIB premium reductions. Taken together, these initiatives would save small businesses over \$2 billion in 2020.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and that is why the government is creating the conditions for a competitive business environment by delivering on a key campaign commitment to provide tax relief to small businesses," said Minister Phillips.

The government will also consult with industry and business leaders in the coming months to inform the development and implementation of an Ontario Small Business Success Strategy. The consultations will provide business owners the opportunity to directly tell the government about what matters most to them, and what additional steps the government can take to help their businesses flourish and grow.

Ontario is also removing unnecessary red tape to support small, independently owned businesses by proposing to exempt barbers and hairdressers from keeping a record of the name and contact information of all their customers and having a dedicated space for maintaining tools. While this makes sense for tattoo artists and tanning salons, it is an

unnecessary burden for barbers and hairdressers. This exemption would make it easier for them to do business and reduce the need for people to share their personal contact information.

"As the Associate Minister Responsible for Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, I couldn't be happier for Ontario's businesses that create jobs and opportunities for hardworking Ontario families," said Associate Minister Sarkaria.

"Our efforts to address red tape will save businesses over \$338 million once the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act is passed."

### QUICK FACTS

- Ontario will create the Premier's Advisory Council on Competitiveness to work with business leaders and workers across the province to find ways to improve competitiveness and report back with actionable recommendations.

- To date, the government has taken over 100 actions to cut red tape for businesses. These and other expected measures would save businesses \$400 million in compliance costs.

- In January 2019, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business gave Ontario an A- in its 2019 Red Tape Report Card. That was Ontario's highest grade ever, and a big jump from the C+ that the previous government received in 2018.

## Ontario Supports Innovative College Partnerships

New Policy Ensures High Quality Student Learning

The government is cutting red tape and removing barriers so Ontario's publicly assisted colleges can create innovative and entrepreneurial partnerships to provide all students with high-quality education and training that prepares them for Ontario's workforce.

Minister Romano was at St. Lawrence College today to announce that Ontario is introducing a new policy to support public college-private partnerships that allow colleges to be more financially competitive. In return, the economic advantages from delivering their programs to more students in more locations can be invested back into the colleges' main

campuses and local communities.

"Through these partnerships, students will get the education and training they need for good jobs, so Ontario businesses have the skilled workforce to grow and make Ontario open for business and open for jobs," said The Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "These partnerships will strengthen communities across the province by encouraging international students to study at campuses outside the Greater Toronto Area, and to remain there after their studies."

"Our colleges are among the best in the world," said The

Honourable Steve Clark, MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes. "St. Lawrence College is a participant in these innovative partnerships with private providers. With these new guidelines for partnerships between publicly assisted colleges and private providers in place, more students will have more choices to get the training and skills they need to land a good job. And in turn, Ontario businesses will have the skilled workforce they need to grow."

"Today's announcement is an exciting one," said St. Lawrence College President and CEO Glenn Vollebregt. "We know the people who study at colleges in Ontario

are driven, dedicated, and come from diverse backgrounds. These guidelines will allow us to continue to connect our students with an education that helps them be prepared for a rewarding career. When you consider that a large percentage of our students stay in our Eastern Ontario community after they graduate, we also know this is going to support industry and employers connect with the talent that they need to continue growing and succeeding."

The new policy on college partnerships will give colleges more flexibility to meet strong demand from international students for Ontario's high-quality postsecondary education.

### QUICK FACTS

- St. Lawrence has two existing partnerships, one with Alpha International Academy in Scarborough, and one with Canadian College in Vancouver.

- Six publicly assisted

Ontario colleges (Cambrian, Canadore, Lambton, Northern, St. Clair and St. Lawrence) currently have private partnership agreements for the delivery of programs leading to an Ontario college credential in Canada.

- International students with a credential from an Ontario public college may apply for a work permit for up to three years under the federal Post-Graduation Work Permit Program, issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

- These partnerships will help strengthen communities across the province by encouraging international students to study at campuses outside the Greater Toronto Area and to potentially remain there after their studies.

- This new policy supports colleges in being financially competitive so that they can invest that economic benefit into their main campuses and in their local communities.

## Ontario Increasing Investments in Skilled Trades

Government to Spend Additional \$2.5M to Boost Exposure to Good Careers

Ontario's Government is tackling shortages in the skilled trades by announcing \$20.8 million in spending to attract more people to the trades and boost Ontario's skilled workforce.

The Government will increase spending on Ontario's Pre-Apprenticeship Training program by \$2.5 million this year, giving an additional 200 people exposure to good jobs.

The program is free for participants and always includes a work placement.

"Ontario's economy is facing a looming problem: a shortage of workers in the trades," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "We need to find additional ways to let young people and their parents know that a career in the trades is exciting, fulfilling and profitable. We have to erase the stigma and let people know that these are well-paying jobs."

In total, the government will invest \$20.8 million into the program to help introduce over 1,800 people to the skilled trades so that they can secure vibrant and in-demand jobs.

In the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario will fund 28 projects for over 600 people to get training in a variety of trades like automotive service

technician, arborist, electrician, hairstylist, carpenter, welder, and a number of others. Some of these important projects include:

- A new pre-apprenticeship program delivered through the Labour Education Centre and Youth Employment Services (YES), which will provide 36 participants with the skills to become an apprentice in construction sector.

- A partnership between Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training, George Brown College, and Toronto District School Board to provide 15 Indigenous people with 8 weeks of paid work experience in the General Carpenter and/or Drywall, Acoustic and Lathing Applicator trades.

- Skills for Change of Metro Toronto will partner with Humber College to provide 24 women with training to prepare for the Horticultural Technician or Arborist trades as apprentices. The program is delivered by Ontario colleges, private career colleges, union and non-union training centres and other community organizations. There are over 140 skilled trades in Ontario. "I'm proud of our 24 publicly funded colleges and the work they do to train 81 per cent of

apprentices in Ontario," said Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "We're not just building skills and capacity, we're investing in people and their potential." "Our government is increasing support for pre-apprenticeship training programs, because exposing people to careers in the skilled trades will make a difference in their lives and in our economy," said Minister McNaughton. "With this expanded investment, we're opening a new pipeline of young workers."

The pre-apprenticeship program promotes careers in the trades for all Ontario residents, including youth at risk, new Canadians, women and Indigenous people. "We're leveling the playing

field and giving people in Ontario the opportunity to get career-ready, so that we can build a better future for our citizens and for the province," said Minister McNaughton. **QUICK FACTS**• Pre-apprenticeship training programs are publicly-funded, last up to one year, and often combine classroom training with an 8-12 week work placement. To find out about programs in your area, contact Employment Ontario by phone, e-mail or live chat.

- About one in five new jobs in Ontario over the next five years is expected to be in trades-related occupations.
- Retirements in the skilled trades are driving the shortage of skilled workers. In

2016, nearly one in three journeypersons were aged 55 years and over.

- On May 29, 2019, Ontario passed the Modernizing the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2019 to help transform the skilled trades and apprenticeship system, reduce red tape, and make Ontario open for business and open for jobs.

- The announcement took place at Building Up, an innovative Toronto non-profit that helps youth at risk get construction trades training while also creating affordable housing. Building Up will be training 33 youth in their pre-apprenticeship program this year.

Further funding totalling \$370,000 over three years will support new partnerships with Indigenous organizations. Together with StreetReach, these partners will integrate the traditional approaches of spiritual care workers and elders into a multi-disciplinary and mobile method of addressing complex social issues.

"MATC is pleased to partner with StreetReach to provide clinical mental health services to vulnerable children and youth," said Darcy Cormack, board chair, MATC. "The addition of mental health services to StreetReach will support youth in recovery and pursuing future opportunities."

In addition to enhancing services available through StreetReach, the Manitoba government is investing more than \$3.8 million over three years to enable Neecheewam Inc. to expand its Winnipeg facility and improve access to Indigenous-led healing, care and treatment services to sexually exploited youth.

Neecheewam operates the Strong Hearted Buffalo Women Crisis Stabilization Unit, a four-bed crisis intervention program for female and transgendered youth who are at high risk of sexual exploitation.

With new provincial funding, Neecheewam Inc. will undergo renovations to pilot a new, longer-term four-bed addition to its treatment facility. The integrated team at StreetReach will be able to turn to Neecheewam for Indigenous-led treatment programming with a focus on individualized plans to meet the unique needs of each youth through traditional healing and cultural connection.

"Neecheewam has quietly been doing the best we can to offer best-practice, quality services to help children of all nations overcome barriers and

this program expansion certainly fits within that mandate," said Cory Campbell, executive director, Neecheewam. "The new funding means we are able to provide a multi-pronged approach with both short-term and longer-term treatment because the young people we help have varying needs." Campbell added the new longer-term treatment will enable contact that is more consistent, role modeling and relationship building that helps young people express their voices and overcome their individual challenges.

A flexible admission process will accommodate youth who may need repeated short stays to build relationships and trust before they are able to commit to longer-term treatment. This individualized program will also help address mental health and addiction needs including those caused by increased methamphetamine use.

Funding for this year is \$800,000, with \$1.5 million allocated for each of the following two years of the program. The minister said this funding for StreetReach fulfils recommendations made by the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommending the expansion of StreetReach services in Winnipeg. It also addresses recommendation in the VIRGO report including those to increase capacity through expanded community outreach services, significantly enhance the capacity of mental health and addictions services for children and youth, and priority funding for the expansion of services for children and youth. The investment also aligns with key findings in the research report released under the Tracia's Trust Strategy.

She also noted the funding for Neecheewam fulfils another recommendation made in the VIRGO report, which was to establish culturally relevant treatment for youth with mental health and substance use issues.

## Manitoba News Release: Province Announces Funding for 203 Community Development Projects

Application Intake for Building Sustainable Communities Program Opens Today: Squires

The Manitoba government will be providing more than \$6 million in grants to support an additional 203 projects for municipalities, non-profit and community-led organizations across the province, Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires announced today.

"Our government is committed to building thriving communities that provide a high quality of life for Manitobans", said Squires. "The funding announced today has a focus on increasing our community capacity and promoting sustainability for our non-profit organizations."

Earlier this year, the province announced the new \$7.9-million Building Sustainable Communities Program would replace seven legacy grant programs that each had significant administration, rigid

requirements and operated in silos. The new program was designed to respond to local neighbourhood, municipal and regional priorities with a focus on increasing community capacity while promoting sustainability for non-profit organizations.

"The new Building Sustainable Communities Program can provide funding over a two-year period, which greatly reduces the amount of time spent on administrative work," said Lynne Parker, executive director, ROK Central Inc. "This allows more time to work directly with our participants to build valuable relationships which support skill development that helps families achieve improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellness, as well as a sense of community

connectedness."

Since 2017, the Manitoba government has funded 1,169 projects through community development grants totalling more than \$19 million. Another application intake for the Building Sustainable Communities Program opens today, with an application deadline of Jan. 15, the minister said.

Eligible applicants for the new Building Sustainable Communities Program include non-profit organizations, charitable organizations, municipalities, and northern affairs community councils. The program will provide a maximum provincial contribution of up to 50 per cent of total eligible project costs to a maximum grant of \$75,000.

## Province Expands Supports for Vulnerable Youth

Enhanced Addictions Services Help Address Growing Community Need: Stefanson

The Manitoba government is investing more than \$4.9 million over three years to help at-risk or sexually exploited youth by improving access to mental health and addictions treatment that includes Indigenous-led supports, Families Minister Heather Stefanson announced today.

"There is nothing more important than protecting Manitoba's children and youth," said Stefanson. "This funding will go toward new

partnerships between community organizations and Winnipeg StreetReach to provide co-ordinated care for vulnerable young people."

To help address the growing need for integrated access to mental health, substance use and addictions services among youth with complex, multi-system needs, the province will invest \$751,000 over three years for the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre (MATC) to work in

collaboration with StreetReach.

Addiction rehabilitation counsellors and community mental health workers from MATC will be embedded into existing StreetReach outreach teams. The two organization's combined strengths in delivering mental health and substance abuse services and intervening in crises will help protect children and youth, Stefanson said.

## Vertis flying high with addition of Global 5000 to charter portfolio





World Rugby has announced that Spain will host the 13th edition of the World Rugby U20 Trophy in September 2020.

The age-grade competition will be organised in the Valencia region at the Campo de El Pantano, a rugby stadium located in Villajoyosa, from 14-27 September.

It will be the first time Spain and the Federación Española de Rugby (FER) organise the tournament.

The World Rugby U20 Trophy has provided a platform for the future stars of the game to shine since its introduction in 2008, with almost 500 players having graduated from the pathway to play test rugby.

Some of the most high profile graduates are Canada captain Tyler Ardron, Uruguay captain Juan Manuel Gaminara, Japan number eight Kazuki Himeno, Georgia fly-half Lasha Khmaladze and Fiji scrum-half Frank Lomani.

They were among the 107 U20 Trophy graduates named in Rugby World Cup 2019 squads.

World Rugby Chairman Sir Bill Beaumont said: "Our U20 Championship and Trophy events are cornerstones of the player development pathway to test rugby. The U20 Trophy has nurtured some of today's best talents and I'm sure it will be no different in 2020.

"We are delighted that Spain will organise the Trophy. I

know that they will be exceptional hosts and provide the teams with a superb environment to perform."

FER President Alfonso Feijoo said: "It is a great honour for the Federación Española de Rugby to host one of the main global tournaments organised by World Rugby at the Comunidad Valenciana. We are confident its organisation will be a success, bringing momentum to accelerate Spanish rugby's development, especially in the Valencia region.

"I would like to say a special thank you to the Trinidad Alfonso Foundation, given their immense support throughout the whole bidding process, without whom we wouldn't have brought the World Rugby U20 Trophy to Valencia."

Hosts Spain will be joined by Scotland, who were relegated from the U20 Championship earlier this year after finishing 12th, with the remaining six places determined by regional qualification tournaments.

Spain have only competed in the tournament once, in 2016 when they suffered a heart-breaking 38-32 loss in sudden-death extra-time to Samoa in the final. Eight members of that squad have since graduated to play test rugby for Los Leones.

The winner of the U20 Trophy will be promoted to the World Rugby U20 Championship in 2021, replacing the team finishing bottom of the 2020 edition in Italy next June.



China women qualify for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

- China's women are the latest team to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games via the regional qualification route
- Ten women's and ten men's teams have now qualified for Tokyo 2020
- This weekend's tournament in China was the final regional women's qualification competition
- The final men's regional qualifier takes place in Korea on 23-24 November
- Rugby sevens will make its second appearance on Olympic Games programme at Tokyo 2020

Sean Horan, New Zealand women's silver medal-

winning coach at Rio 2016, is set to lead another side at an Olympic Games after his new charges China used their recent HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series experience to overpower a largely youthful Hong Kong team and win the Asia Rugby qualification tournament on home soil in Guangzhou, China. China did not feature in Rio when rugby sevens made its debut in Brazil but they can now look forward to challenging the best teams in the world on sport's greatest stage after an impressive display not only in the final but throughout the two days of competition.



### Teams set for Africa Men's Sevens with Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualification in sight

- Africa Men's Sevens takes place in Johannesburg on 8-9 November
- 14 African teams will convene over two days of competition at the Bosman Stadium
- Tournament marks next step on the road to Tokyo 2020 with one Olympic qualification spot up for grabs
- 16 men's and women's teams have already qualified for Tokyo 2020

The South Africa Rugby Union will host the Africa Men's Sevens tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa on 8-9 November where one team will qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

14 African teams will convene at the Bosman Stadium for two days of competition where the winning team will directly qualify for Tokyo 2020. The silver and bronze medallists will go through to the World Rugby Global Repechage competition in June 2020 which will be the last opportunity for qualification.

Rugby sevens will make its second appearance on the Olympic Games programme at Tokyo 2020 after its successful introduction at Rio 2016 which unearthed almost 17 million new fans in six key territories across the globe (Nielsen).

As well as providing a route to Tokyo 2020, the teams finishing in first and second place at the Africa Men's Sevens will be in the mix for the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series qualifier tournament with more details to be announced in due course.

The participating teams, in order of current ranking, are Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar, Zambia, Tunisia, Senegal, Morocco, Namibia, Ghana, Botswana, Mauritius, Ivory Coast and Nigeria

### Kenya qualify for Tokyo 2020 as African champions



- Kenya are the latest team qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games after winning the Africa Men's Sevens in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Ten men's teams have now qualified for Tokyo 2020
- Rugby sevens will

make its second appearance on Olympic Games programme at Tokyo 2020. Kenya defeated Uganda in the final of the Rugby Africa Men's Sevens championship in Johannesburg on Saturday to round off the tournament unbeaten and qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



Fiji became the ninth women's team to confirm their place at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games after reaching the final of the Oceania Rugby Sevens

Championship, while Australia's men will join their women's team in Japan after also getting the job done at the ANZ Stadium in Suva, Fiji.