INBOUND TO HORN ISLAND, AUSTRALIA FIRST P2012 TRAVELLERS

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Torres Strait Air, based on Horn Island, in Far North Queensland, is the launch customer for the twin engine, 11-seat, Tecnam P2012 Traveller, in Australia. TSA will take delivery of two P2012s in May and June 2024 and has options for three STOL versions of the Traveller, in a deal worth more than AUD $22M. The fleet acquisition is being financed by the National Australia Bank's Indigenous Fund, that was introduced to TSA by Hallmarc Aviation, Tecnam's sales agent for the Traveller in Australia.

Francesco Sferra, Tecnam P2012 – Special Mission Platforms Sales & Business Development Manager, commented: "The Traveller has been a big seller worldwide since its launch, and interest from operators in Australia is strong. We are particularly pleased that TSA will be the launch customer. The company's commitment to the people of Torres Strait is admirable."

Daniel Takai, CEO, Torres Strait Air, said: "Our passengers will love the size, twin-engine safety, and comfort of the Traveller. Its ability to carry a combination of freight and people is perfect for our operations in the demanding conditions of the Torres Strait. We are excited to progressively expand our operating fleet with Tecnam P2012 Travellers, and the STOL capability will be a game

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changer for our communities.”

Michael Loccisano, CEO of Hallmarc Aviation, stated: “From the moment Tecnam announced the Traveller, we knew it would be perfect to replace the many 40–50-year-old, high time, tired, aging twin aircraft still operating in Australia. Customer response to its performance, high wing design and huge passenger appeal due to its ease of access, roomy interior, and big panoramic windows, has been incredible. It’s the aircraft Australian operators have been waiting for. There is nothing else available that can match its performance, low acquisition price, and operating costs. We expect to see a lot more P2012 Travellers in Australia in the months and years ahead.”

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