INDIGO PLACES FIRM ORDER FOR 30 ADDITIONAL AIRBUS A350-900 AIRCRAFT

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IndiGo has finalised a commitment for 30 Airbus A350 aircraft, converting a MoU signed in June into a firm order. This brings the airline's total A350 orders to 60 aircraft. The expanded order marks a strategic shift for IndiGo as it prepares to enter the long-haul international market, leveraging the A350's long range and efficiency to support its global ambitions.

Pieter Elbers, CEO, IndiGo commented: "Today is a special day for IndiGo as we solidify our commitment to expanding our international footprint and offering unparalleled connectivity to our customers. The conversion of this MoU into a firm order for 30 additional A350-900s is a testament to our confidence in the future of Indian aviation and our strategic partnership with Airbus, further reinforced by the strong start of our long-haul operations. In line with India's vision of becoming a global aviation hub and our aspiration to establish ourselves as a leading global aviation player by 2030, IndiGo is taking decisive steps forward. These aircraft, as they join our fleet in the years to come, will play a pivotal role in enabling IndiGo expand its reach, connect India with more destinations across the globe, and offer our customers new international travel opportunities."

Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business at Airbus stated: "The A350's unparalleled fuel efficiency, range and passenger comfort perfectly align with IndiGo's ambitious growth plans and international long-haul network ambitions. This milestone reinforces our strong partnership with one of the fastest-growing airlines in the world, and we look forward to

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supporting their expansion into new long-haul markets.”

India, the world’s fastest growing aviation market, is witnessing a surge in international travel as the economy grows and household incomes rise. The A350 is perfectly positioned to serve the country’s aspirations for long-range travel.

Bound in a strategic relationship of growth with India for more than half a century, Airbus products and services have catalysed the growth of the country’s civil aviation sector. While the A320 Family aircraft are supporting the democratisation of air travel in India, the A350 has become the reference aircraft to unlock the potential of the international market for the Indian carriers.

The A350 is the world’s most modern and efficient widebody aircraft in the 300-410 seater category. The A350’s includes state-of-the-art technologies and aerodynamics delivering unmatched standards of efficiency and comfort. Its new generation engines and use of lightweight materials bring a 25 per cent advantage in fuel burn, operating costs and carbon dioxide emissions, compared to previous generation competitor aircraft. As with all Airbus aircraft, the A350 is already capable of operating with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel. Airbus aims for all its aircraft to be 100% SAF-capable by 2030.

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