



BOMBARDIER Q SERIES AIRCRAFT MAY SOON BE ABLE TO BE SERVICED IN ABU DHABI

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Bombardier Commercial Aircraft is in discussions with **Abu Dhabi** Aviation with the aim of establishing an authorised service facility (ASF) for **Bombardier's Q Series** turboprop regional airliners.

The facility was announced at the Dubai Airshow yesterday.

The two parties have signed a memorandum of understanding on the ASF, with final agreement subject to acceptance of commercial terms and a final technical audit.

Assuming all goes well, ADA will become the first ASF for Q Series aircraft in the Middle East and will offer line and base maintenance services. It will also support operators in surrounding regions.

"As the fleet of commercial aircraft continues to grow in the Middle East, we are pleased to be working with Bombardier to extend our MRO activities to cover the Q Series turboprops," said Nadir Al Hammadi, ADA's chairman.

"Q Series turboprops have proven to be rugged and reliable aircraft in our hot desert environment and perform admirably at the most challenging airports in the region, so we look forward to adding

them to our maintenance portfolio and increasing our support to operators in the region.”

ADA is the largest commercial helicopter operator in the Middle East, operating or managing more than 90 aircraft. Its fixed-wing fleet also includes two Q400, three Q300 and two Q200 turboprops. ADA's main activities involve the support of offshore oil, engineering and construction companies. “We are very excited to be in discussions with Abu Dhabi Aviation and look forward to having our long-standing customer and operator of Q Series aircraft join our network of authorised service facilities,” said Todd Young, vice-president and general manager, customer services, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft.

“As a successful operator of Q Series aircraft and a seasoned MRO provider, Abu Dhabi Aviation is ideally positioned to offer maintenance services to the increasing number of operators in the region.”

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