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Successful First Engine Test Run of the TP400-D6 engine

EPI Europrop International GmbH announces that the successful first engine test run of the TP400-D6 engine has taken place today at MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg in Ludwigsfelde. The first engine test run of the TP400-D6 engine was witnessed by representatives of the participating European governments, together with representatives of OCCAR (Organisation Conjoint de Cooperation en matiere d'Armement), Airbus Military SL company and shareholders of EPI.

"EPI is delighted with the successful first engine test run of the TP400-D6 engine", said José Massol, Managing Director of EPI. He added : "It marks a new step forward in the development and the validation of the advanced engine technologies for the A400M aircraft."

During the test run, the TP400-D6 engine performed exactly as expected. The engine is designed for civil-standard life, reliability and availability in a military operation environment. The TP400-D6 engine is a three-shaft configuration combining the most advanced state of the art of engine modules developed by the partners of EPI. It will deliver a maximum power output in excess of 11,000 shaft horsepower at sea level. The engine benefits from proven technology derived from the outstanding expertise in military and civil aero engines, including a dual Full Authority Digital Engine Control (FADEC).

The certification of the engine is scheduled for October 2007 with the A400M first flight due shortly after.

On October 15th, 2005, José Massol has replaced Prof. Guenter Kappler (who had fulfilled his three-year contract) as managing director of EPI, coming from the position of Senior Vice-President international operations of Thales.

EPI has achieved significant milestones: In 2003, EPI was selected to power the new Airbus Military A400M military transport aircraft with the Western world's largest-ever turboprop engine. In 2004, the preliminary design review of the TP400-D6 engine was successfully concluded and EPI celebrated the successful first run of the TP400-D6 intermediate pressure compressor. In May 2005, EPI announced the successful first test of the TP400-D6 engine control and monitoring system in a dry rig.

Notes for Editors

EPI Europrop International GmbH was created by four leading European aero-engine companies (Industria de Turbo Propulsores, MTU Aero Engines, Rolls-Royce and Snecma) to develop, produce and sell the TP400-D6 engine program. Designed to power the Airbus Military A400M transport, the TP400-D6 will be the most powerful turboshaft engine in the West. It features a three-shaft configuration and will deliver a maximum power output of 11,000 shaft horsepower. More than 750 engines will be required for the 180 A400M aircraft ordered to date by the launch countries.

For further information and pictures, visit the EPI website on www.europrop.aero

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