



## DEUTSCHE AIRCRAFT STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST D328ECO TEST AIRCRAFT

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**Deutsche Aircraft, has achieved a significant milestone for the D328eco programme - successfully commenced the construction of the first test aircraft, TAC 1, by starting work on the extension of the D328 fuselage, that will seat 40 passengers. This achievement not only represents the significant progress of the D328eco programme, but also highlights the outstanding teamwork involved in the development process. The use of a specifically developed precision tool to cut the fuselage of TAC 1 demonstrates the expertise required for this meticulous task by the engineering team at Deutsche Aircraft.**

Nico Neumann, COO at Deutsche Aircraft commented: "We are thrilled to announce the fuselage cut for the D328eco programme. This milestone is a testament to the hard work and ingenuity of our team, which has successfully started the TAC 1 development process. It showcases our commitment to delivering cutting-edge solutions and enabling early flight testing for the D328eco".

Anastasija Visnakova, VP Sales, and Marketing at Deutsche Aircraft, said: “The start of construction for the test D328eco is great news for the company and the market. The hard work that has gone into the design of the D328eco according to market needs will be integrated into the construction of the test aircraft, to deliver a best-in-class turboprop for regional and special mission operators.”

The milestone was revealed and celebrated at the 2024 Farnborough International Airshow in the presence of business partners and the media, putting the spotlight on this significant achievement for Deutsche Aircraft and the D328eco programme at one of the world’s largest airshows. The dedicated team remains focused on the development and testing stages to come. With the support of a robust supply chain network, Deutsche Aircraft will continue making strides in the regional aviation sector.

The D328eco programme has made substantial progress in establishing a strong supply chain network. With contracts secured for over 95% of its suppliers, the programme is poised for success.

This latest accomplishment represents a significant leap forward for Deutsche Aircraft, underscoring the company's dedication to pushing boundaries and setting new industry standards, while reaffirming the OEM's commitment to innovation and excellence.

The D328eco programme aims to revolutionise regional aviation with an environmentally friendly and cost-effective aircraft. With its advanced technologies and sustainable design, the D328eco offers operators enhanced fuel efficiency and reduced emissions, contributing to a greener future for the aviation industry.

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