



JEKTA SIGNS FIRST LESSOR DEAL WITH SOLYU FOR 30 PHA-ZE 100 AIRCRAFT

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JEKTA has signed an agreement with Solyu for 30 of its zero-emissions amphibious aircraft. The deal, which represents JEKTA's first lessor agreement, brings advanced commitments for JEKTA's amphibious aircraft to more than US\$1 billion in value. Solyu is committed to supporting a low-carbon future for aviation and will offer financial and leasing solutions to its operator customers seeking to harness the sustainable qualities of the PHA-ZE 100. The inclusion of the PHA-ZE 100 represents the first amphibious aircraft in Solyu's regional advanced air mobility portfolio.

Andrew Claerbout, Chief Executive Officer of Solyu, commented: “We are excited by the potential that the PHA-ZE 100 gives to our clients, which can optimize the sustainable qualities of JEKTA aircraft to expand and open new markets. Low operating costs, flexibility supported by versatile configurations, and zero emissions operations all deliver added value to our clients seeking to maximize operational efficiencies while still meeting the industry’s mandates on carbon emission reduction. The minimal infrastructure requirements needed to support PHA-ZE 100 operations are also attractive, and we expect strong interest from our customers in both the hydrogen and electric variants.”

George Alafinov, CEO of JEKTA said: “We know leasing companies play a crucial and influential role in the aerospace sector, offering operators financial flexibility and affordability to expand fleets and networks. We’re looking forward to forging strong relationships with Solyu and its clients as we anticipate the aircraft will enhance networks, increase operational use cases and add market opportunities for all stakeholders in this segment. The deal confirms that the wider aviation sector welcomes our vision of incorporating the benefits of amphibious operations into the global air transport system. With Solyu providing leasing and financing access to our aircraft, operators can sustainably develop new routes and support connections to those currently disconnected by water, doing so in style but at low operating costs.”

JEKTA and Solyu have recognized the vast market and investment opportunity inherent in offering operators from Asia and around the globe a zero-emissions amphibian aircraft. The agreement with Solyu represents a significant milestone for JEKTA, which only launched in December 2022 and already has a strong order book. “We are also proud that the inking of this important first lessor deal drives the value of our forward interest to more than US\$1 billion; that’s quite an achievement in under two years,” concludes Alafinov.

Seamlessly transitioning between land and water without additional hardware, the PHA-ZE 100 is optimized to serve coastal and island communities, regional routes currently limited by operational costs, and to support new low-cost, sustainable services between cities without the need to install expensive land infrastructure. The amphibious flying boat will be certified to EASA CS-23 and US FAA FAR-23 standards for fixed-wing passenger aircraft. Flexible configurations, including 19-seat, mixed economy/freight, VIP, corporate shuttle, and air ambulance options, make the most of the PHA-ZE 100’s spacious, contemporary cabin.

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