



QANTAS FREIGHT TOOK DELIVERY OF FIRST AIRBUS A321 PASSENGER TO FREIGHTER CONVERSION AIRCRAFT

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Pratt & Whitney celebrated the delivery of the first A321 passenger to freighter conversion aircraft (A321P2F) powered by V2500® engines, along with Elbe Flugzeugwerke (“EFW”), ST Engineering, Airbus, Vallair, Qantas Freight and Australian Post. The aircraft was delivered to Qantas Freight through lessor Vallair.

“The delivery today is an exciting milestone for the cargo industry and we are proud to power this first Airbus A321P2F aircraft,” said Bernie Zimmerman, president, IAE International Aero Engines AG. “The V2500 engine delivers lower noise and a fuel advantage to customers of about 3%, resulting in significant cost savings, lower emissions and a payload-range benefit which makes it a great fit for cargo operations. We look forward to supporting Qantas and future A321P2F deliveries for many years to come.”

V2500 engines power approximately 3,000 aircraft with nearly 200 operators in over 80 countries. More than 7,800 V2500 engines have been produced since its entry into service in 1989. In total, the V2500 has powered more than 60 million flights and accumulated more than 240 million engine flight hours of experience.

Pratt & Whitney and IAE have been enhancing services for the V2500 engine, including LLP solutions, new and serviceable material programs, engine swaps and more, which can be tailored and customized to support the unique requirements of the cargo market. With long-term agreements, fixed price services and transactional solutions, the company offers an increasing variety of workscopes and payment options.

The V2500 engine is also backed by an established global network of 18 facilities for maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), including nine IAE partner facilities, of which three are managed by Pratt & Whitney and its joint ventures: the Turkish Engine Center in Istanbul, the Shanghai Engine Center in China and the Christchurch Engine Center in New Zealand.

The highly reliable V2500 engine is offered through IAE International Aero Engines AG, a multinational aero engine consortium whose shareholders comprise Pratt & Whitney, a unit of Raytheon Technologies Corp. (NYSE:RTX), Pratt & Whitney Aero Engines International GmbH, Japanese Aero Engines Corporation and MTU Aero Engines.

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