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20 ATR 72-500s sold to Malaysia Airlines for USD 360 million

At Villa Madama today, ATR, a joint venture between Alenia Aeronautica (Finmeccanica) and EADS, signed an agreement with Malaysia Airlines for the sale of ten ATR 72-500s with an option for a further ten aircraft, in the presence of Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmed Badawi. The contract is worth USD 360 million, and represents a milestone for ATR, as with this agreement, it has now sold 900 aircraft since the creation of the joint venture.

The contract is part of the co-operation agreement between the two governments to jointly develop industrial programmes targeting the emerging markets of south-east Asia.

ATR has sold 63 new aircraft in the first half of 2007, thus also reaching in six months the total orders posted during 2006.

This is the first time that the Malaysian national carrier purchases ATR aircraft. Its brand new ATR 72-500s fleet will enable the airline to open new routes across Malaysia.

These 72-seat aircraft will be equipped with the "Elegance" cabin, Light Emitting Diode (LED), In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) and ETOPS 120, as well as the newest technological innovations in passenger comfort, communications and navigation tools. Deliveries will start in 2008.

Since the beginning of the year, ATR has received orders for 63 new aircraft, some of them not yet unveiled. Since the beginning of the programme, ATR has sold 900 aircraft (416 ATR 42s and 484 ATR 72s) and has delivered 730 (394 ATR 42s and 336 ATR 72s), thus posting a current backlog of 170 aircraft.