NORWAY'S WIDERØE COMPLETES FIRST REVENUE FLIGHT OF AN EMBRAER E190-E2

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Widerøe, Scandinavia's largest regional airline, completed the first scheduled passenger flight of an Embraer E190-E2 this morning. The aircraft, registered LN-WEA and operating as flight WF622, departed Bergen Airport at 7:56 AM and arrived at Tromsø Airport at 9:39 AM local time. The flight was sold out.

Today's flight marks the official entry into service of the first of three new E-Jets E2s that Embraer has developed to succeed its first-generation E-Jets. Deliveries of the larger E195-E2 are planned to start in 2019, and in 2021 for the smaller E175-E2.

"This is a truly historic day for the E-Jets program and for Embraer," said John Slattery, President & CEO, Embraer Commercial Aviation. "The first revenue flight is the crowning achievement of years of hard work and planning. I know Widerøe's customers are going to love flying on a such a green airplane."

Widerøe passengers experienced a quiet, environmentally-friendly flight on the 672 nm sector. The E190-E2 has the lowest external noise and emissions levels of any aircraft in its category and burns 17.3% less fuel than the current-generation E190.

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The completely redesigned and pleasant E2 cabin interior features new acoustic treatments, an improved quiet air conditioning system and more stowage space. In some flight conditions, E2 cabin noise levels are 50% lower than those of its main competitor.

The lowest community noise margins in the airline industry were achieved through a combination of low-drag and low-noise airframe design with outstanding field performance. These features reduce required engine thrust making the E2 much quieter during approach and take-off.

Stein Nilsen, Widerøe's President & CEO, spoke after the flight landed. "Today, we're celebrating the beginning of a new era for Widerøe. It's the first jet in our fleet. And we'll always have the distinction of being the first airline to fly the E2. We see a bright future with our new E2 jets."

Widerøe will receive two more E190-E2s this year. It holds purchase rights for an additional 12 E2s. The total value of the order is approximately USD 873 million if all rights are exercised.

Embraer is the world's leading manufacturer of commercial jets up to 150 seats. The Company has 100 customers from all over the world operating the ERJ and the E-Jet families of aircraft. For the E-Jets program alone, Embraer has logged more than 1,800 orders and 1,400 deliveries, redefining the traditional concept of regional aircraft by operating across a range of business applications.

About Widerøe

Widerøe is the largest regional airline in Scandinavia with a staff of 3,000 and a turnover of NOK 3.5 billion. The company carries around 2.8 million passengers annually and flies to 46 domestic and international destinations. Widerøe operates more than 450 flights every day and operates to more than twice as many airports in Norway than any other airline. Today, its network consists of 60% commercial routes and 40% PSO routes (Public Services Obligations).

About the E-Jets E2s

E-Jets E2s represent the best of new technology in a proven platform. The application of advanced technologies for engines, wings, and avionics sets the E2s apart by providing airlines with the most efficient aircraft in the category while maintaining commonality with current-generation E-Jets. Enhancements include new aerodynamically-advanced high-aspect ratio distinctively-shaped wings, improved systems and avionics, 4th generation full fly-by-wire flight controls, and Pratt & Whitney's PurePowerTM Geared Turbofan high by-pass ratio engines (PW1700G on the E175-E2, PW1900G on the E190-E2 and E195-E2). These combine to generate the most efficient single aisle family with double-digit reductions in fuel consumption, emissions, noise, and maintenance costs, as well greater productivity through less scheduled maintenance downtime. E-Jets E2s will achieve similar costs per seat as larger re-engined narrow-body aircraft, but with significantly lower costs per trip. These savings will create new opportunities for lower-risk development of new markets and fleet right-sizing. The E195-E2 is scheduled to enter into service in 2019 and the E175-E2 in 2021.

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