AVFUEL SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY AND INTEGRATE SAF TO TEXTRON AVIATION SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

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As a leader in the supply of sustainable aviation fuel for business aviation, Avfuel Corporation announces an agreement with Textron Aviation to supply and integrate SAF into its sustainability initiatives. The two companies have agreed that Avfuel will supply Textron Aviation with Neste MY Sustainable Aviation FuelTM at its Wichita headquarters location on an ongoing basis. Textron Aviation will use the product as “fly away fuel” for new aircraft deliveries as well as to fuel customer demo flights.

Avfuel’s first demonstrative delivery of SAF arrived at Textron Aviation on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021. Future deliveries will be of Avfuel’s Neste MY SAF supply, providing a 22 metric ton reduction in carbon emissions over its lifecycle per truckload—equivalent to the amount of carbon sequestered by 28.7 acres of U.S. forests per year. SAF is the most effective way to reduce a flight’s carbon footprint; and, in the future, SAF could deliver up to 80% less greenhouse gas emissions versus traditional jet fuel in its neat form.

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The agreement makes Textron Aviation Avfuel's first original equipment manufacturer (OEM) customer to take the fuel at regular intervals. The use of SAF aligns with Textron Aviation's commitment to meet industry goals for reducing carbon emissions.

"Avfuel's collaboration with Textron Aviation is welcomed progress for business aviation's sustainability initiative," said Keith Sawyer, Avfuel's manager of alternative fuels. "It's not only an exceptional way for Textron Aviation to reduce its carbon emissions, it's also an exceptional way to introduce flight operators to the viability of sustainable aviation fuel. We're proud to work with the Textron Aviation team and excited about the educational opportunity this collaboration poses."

Avfuel also recently reached an agreement with Bell Textron, the rotorcraft division of Textron Inc., in Fort Worth, Texas, for ongoing supply of Avfuel's Neste MY SAF. Bell will incorporate SAF into all Bell Training Academy (BTA) and customer demonstration fleet aircraft, becoming the first rotorcraft customer to receive SAF supply from Avfuel.

Neste MY SAF is made from sustainably sourced, renewable waste and residue materials—such as used cooking oil. It is a drop-in fuel that, once blended with petroleum jet fuel, meets ASTM D-1655 specification for jet fuel. This makes Neste MY SAF an optimum solution to directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft, requiring no new investments, modifications or changes to the aircraft or fuel distribution procedures.

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