SECOND BOMBARDIER GLOBAL 7000 FLIGHT TEST VEHICLE TAKES TO THE SKIES

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- ***Global 7000* aircraft will provide passengers an uncompromising smooth ride**
- ***Global 7000* and *Global 8000* program demonstrating solid maturity**
- **FTV2 will join FTV1 at Bombardier's world-class flight test center in Wichita in the coming weeks**

Bombardier Business Aircraft announced that the *Global 7000* and *Global 8000* aircraft program's second flight test vehicle (FTV2) completed its initial flight. This milestone further confirms that the program's development is progressing well and that the *Global 7000* aircraft is on track to enter into service in the second half of 2018.

FTV2, named, "The Powerhouse," is designed to test aircraft systems, including propulsion, electrical and mechanical systems, all of which were fully functional during the 4 hour, 28 minute flight.

Captain Jeff Karnes, assisted by his co-pilot, J.R. Marcolesco and Flight Test Engineer Ben Povall took off from Bombardier's Toronto facility at 10:50 a.m. EST on Saturday. The initial flight also

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tested the aircraft's performance at high altitude, with FTV2 climbing to 43,000 feet (13,106.4 metres), as expected.

"The successful flight of the first flight test vehicle (FTV1) in November 2016 paved the way to the smooth flight of FTV2 this past weekend," said Michel Ouellette, Senior Vice President, *Global 7000* and *Global 8000* Program. "We are focused on meeting the program's development and certification schedule and, once again, we have demonstrated our ability to deliver results through the hard work and dedication of the highly skilled teams working on the program."

"We now have a flight test vehicle dedicated to testing the aircraft's systems. Data from FTV2 will supplement the successful results we have already obtained from test rigs, including the Integrated Systems Test and Certification Rig (ISCTR) and, from the extensive flight testing of FTV1 to date," said Francois Caza, Vice President, Product Development and Chief Engineer, Bombardier. "We are on track with our test program and are very pleased with the progression and performance of our flight test vehicles to date. The dedication and collaboration our teams have shown were critical in achieving this significant milestone", he added.

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