TURKISH AIRLINES SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR PRATT & WHITNEY'S GEARED TURBOFAN™ ENGINES TO POWER 92 FIRM A321NEO AIRCRAFT

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Turkish Airlines has signed a Definitive Agreement for Pratt & Whitney's PurePower PW1100G-JM engines to power its order of 92 firm A321neo aircraft, the largest engine order in Turkish Airlines' history. The order was originally announced during the 2015 Paris Air Show as a Memorandum of Understanding with 72 firm and 20 option aircraft. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2018. The deal is also the largest engine order in 2015 for Pratt & Whitney, representing a year of pivotal milestones as it leads the industry into a new age in aviation history. Pratt & Whitney is a United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX) company.

The PurePower® Geared Turbofan engine family has about 7,000 orders, including options with more than 70 customers from more than 30 countries.

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“Turkish Airlines is proud to have Pratt & Whitney’s PurePower engines power our A321neo aircraft order,” said Dr. Temel Kotil, deputy chairman and CEO, Turkish Airlines. “This historic deal for our company is a statement on our commitment to develop the most technologically advanced fleet of aircraft in the industry.”

“Pratt & Whitney is honored that Turkish Airlines has selected the industry-leading PurePower engine to power its aircraft,” said Greg Gernhardt, president, Pratt & Whitney Commercial Engines. “We look forward to delivering game-changing results in fuel consumption, emissions reduction and noise reduction without compromise. We deeply appreciate Turkish Airlines commitment to the Geared Turbofan engine.”

The A320neo, powered by PurePower engines, received joint Type Certification from the Federal Aviation Administration and from the European Aviation Safety Agency in November. The PurePower engine family has completed more than 36,000 cycles and 20,000 hours of testing.

Established in 1933 with a fleet of five aircraft, Star Alliance member Turkish Airlines is a 4-star airline today with a fleet of 299 (passenger and cargo) aircraft flying to 282 destinations worldwide with 234 international and 48 domestic. According to Skytrax survey of 2015, Turkish Airlines was chosen “Europe’s Best Airline” for the fifth and “Best Airline in Southern Europe” for the seventh consecutive time. Having won in 2010 the world’s “Best Economy Catering Service,” in 2013 the world’s “Best Business Catering Service,” and in 2014 “Best Business Catering Service” awards, Turkish Airlines was this year awarded the world’s “Best Business Class Lounge Dining” and “Best Business Airline Lounge” prizes in the Skytrax survey. More information about Turkish Airlines can be found on www.turkishairlines.com.

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