

MRO is a Pratt & Whitney Canada designated overhaul facility for both the PT6A and the larger PW100 turboprop engine.

The facility is approved for nine models of the PT6A family, including the widely used PT6A-41/-42 models, along with the PT6A-64 that powers the Daher TBM 700. Daher recently renewed its recognition of the Gonesse facility as a PT6A engine MRO services provide for TBMs based in Europe. This follows on to the original designation in 2016, and the agreement includes engine support

Standard Aero Gonesse is proud to extend its more than 1,500 engine, reflecting our long-standing support of PT6A operators across Europe and beyond,” said Laurent Cluzel, general manager of Standard Aero’s (Booth N90) Gonesse facility. “We have an extensive heritage of supporting the PT6A and PW100 turboprops at Gonesse, serving military, governmental and civilian operators, and look forward to extending our PT6A capabilities with the introduction of a dedicated service center later this year.” ■

■ Piaggio Aerospace delivers more Evos

Piaggio Aerospace (Booth SD307) will soon deliver the first P180 Avanti Evo to a customer on the African continent, as well as another of the turboprop twins to a repeat customer in Switzerland. It also announced that the first P180 Avanti EVO entered service in India, having been delivered recently by Piaggio partner Business Aviation Private Limited to an unnamed customer.

The Swiss Avanti is being delivered by Italy-based Orion Fly to Sir Lindsay Owen-Jones, who has owned and operated earlier

models of the aircraft. “I decided to go for a new P180 after my positive experience with the first aircraft,” said Owen-Jones. “I chose the new generation of the P180, the Avanti Evo, for its extended range capabilities, its environmental friendliness so appreciated by the local community, and its further improved ability to take off and land on short runways.”

The East-African customer is expecting its Avanti in just a few days, via ferry flight from Italy, Piaggio said. **A.L.**

of drone operations, including manned and unmanned aircraft in shared airspace. These demonstrations are designed to provide data toward implementing a shared U-space in Europe, including low-altitude airspace.

The Helsinki demonstration will be followed by long-distance multisensory forestry inspection flights in Asikkala, Finland; drones and manned aircraft sharing airspace in Pyhtää, Finland; urban drone operations in Tallinn, Estonia; powerline inspection in the Läänemaa, Estonia rural areas; a maritime search and rescue exercise with the Estonian border guard in Hiiumaa; international parcel drone delivery over the Gulf of Finland between Torbacka, Finland and Muraste, Estonia; and an urban Volocopter air-taxi flight from the Vantaa international airport to Helsinki.

CEPA Conference Goes Virtual To Help Save the Planet

Conscious of the need to “go more green,” the organizer of The Central European Business Aviation Conference has decided to make the next holding of the conference, which will be its tenth, a virtual affair. The Central European Private Aviation Association (CEPA) event will take place Nov. 7 to 9, 2019, and will be live-streamed from Prague. “It will allow international attendees to participate and see and hear from others from their own

said CEO Joseph Benoit Defforge.

RocketRoute Now Works With Honeywell Datalink Lite

With the launch by Honeywell (Booth Y139) of its low-cost datalink, Datalink Lite, as part of its GoDirect service, RocketRoute (Booth C21) has wasted no time incorporating it into its FlightPlan service, bringing in weather information and flight plan filing via the GoDirect Aircraft Datalink.

The full GoDirect Datalink service offers pilots worldwide two-way communications with the ground including text messaging, oceanic and pre-departure clearances, weather information, custom short codes, and controller-pilot datalink communications (CPDLC). In short, “the service helps pilots stay connected to air traffic control wherever they are, while also making life easier for operators and maintenance teams,” said Honeywell.

One of the selling points the company highlights is its compatibility with third-party flight planning software; already the service has been integrated with Skyplan, Air Support, FlightPlan.com, Jeppesen, Navtech, GDFS, Universal, UAS, ForeFlight, as well as RocketRoute.

Datalink Lite includes the basic communication services and “is designed for business and general aviation operators