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## TECNAM COMPLETES DELIVERY OF 12 TRAINER AIRCRAFT TO THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE

Capua (Italy) - Tecnam announced today the completion of delivery of twelve new Tecnam P2002JF aircraft to the Hellenic Air Force (HAF).

An impressive ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Dekelia Air Base in Tatoi (Athens), in the presence of the Minister of National Defence, **Evangelos Apostolakis**, and Italian **Ambassador Efisio Luigi Marras**.

The ceremony was also attended by the Chief of General Staff of Hellenic Civil Engineering, Mayor **Christos Christodoulou**, Chief of General Staff, Vice Admiral **Nikolaos Tsounis** PN, the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant **George Blioumis** and **Walter Da Costa**, Tecnam Global Sales and Marketing Director.

The event celebrated the last batch of delivery of twelve Tecnam P2002JF low-wing trainers delivered to the HAF as a result of a thorough and intensive evaluation process.

The arrival of the new training aircraft is part of the implementation of the flight education upgrade program that takes place at the *Ikarian School* for the initial selection and introduction to flying, as well as for the broader planning of the Armed Forces for the whole of air training. The Tecnam P2002JF replaced the old trainer T-41D, which was used for about fifty years, since 1969.

As part of the ceremony, the last three delivered P-2002JF training aircraft that arrived the previous day, flying from TECNAM headquarters in Capua, were presented by the Minister of National Defence and the Chief of Staff, respectively.

In addition to the twelve P2002 JF aircraft, Tecnam has provided a SOFTEK simulator and a computer-based integrated training system with ancillary support services.

The Tecnam P2002JF is a two-seat, single-engine, low-wing aircraft. Powered by the popular ROTAX 912, and with the latest avionics from GARMIN, it is firmly established as one of world's most popular single-engine aeroplanes and the



aircraft of choice for a large number of Flight Training Organisations and Air Forces.

In 2016 Tecnam delivered eight P2002JF aircraft to the Argentina Air Force. This fleet has amassed a total of over 7,000 hours and performed 16,000 landings to date.

**Evangelos Apostolakis, Minister of National Defence of Greece**, said: *“Today, we are pleased to see the fruits of a major effort, the implementation of a program to upgrade the flying training that takes place at the Hellenic Air Force. The inclusion of the twelve new aircraft with associated ground support and education equipment is a practical and essential step, part of the broader planning of the Armed Forces for all air training. It is now possible for our future pilots to fly with modern fighters, to ‘spread their wings’, and to train more safely and efficiently. To make a successful jump to the next level of education and have a better transition to modern fleet aircraft.*

*This is, of course, the culmination of excellent preparation, coordination and cooperation between the Air Force and Tecnam. I would therefore like to express my sincere congratulations on their significant contribution to the overall effort to implement this program.”*

**Walter De Costa, Tecnam Global Sales & Marketing Director**, said: *“On behalf of Tecnam and the Pascale family, we are very proud to be part of the future of HAF, honoured to be contributing to the excellent standard of education and training that HAF is providing. Today we have completed the delivery of twelve P2002JF's exactly on schedule and we very much look forward to supporting our friends in Greece for many years to come.”*

### **More info on the Tecnam P2002JF**

<https://www.tecnam.com/aircraft/p2002-jf/>

### **About the Hellenic Air Force**

The Hellenic Air Force (HAF) of Greece was formed in 1911. Its mission is to guard and protect Greek airspace, provide air assistance and support to the Hellenic Army and the Hellenic Navy, as well as the provision of humanitarian aid in Greece and around the world. The Hellenic Air Force includes approximately 33,000 active troops, of whom 11,750 are career officers, 14,000 are professional conscripts (ΕΠ.ΟΠ.), 7,250 are volunteer conscripts and 1,100 are women. The motto of the Hellenic Air Force is the ancient Greek phrase Αἰ ἐν Ὑψικρατεῖν (Aî èν Ὑψικρατεῖν, “Always Dominate the Heights”), and the HAF ensign represents a flying eagle in front of the Hellenic Air Force roundel.

<https://www.haf.gr/en/>

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## About TECNAM

TECNAM's roots go all the way back to the Italian brothers Luigi and Giovanni Pascale, who began to develop and produce innovative aircraft soon after the end of WWII. Since those early beginnings, the family has continued to create original models, first gaining worldwide recognition under the name Partenavia, which translates as "Naples Aviation".

Costruzioni Aeronautiche **TECNAM** was established in March 1986 and now operates in three production facilities. The Casoria facility is located adjacent to Naples' Capodichino Airport, while the main factory is next to the "Oreste Salomone" Airport in Capua. Recently a new facility was established in Sebring, Florida, USA and in Australia

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