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Falcon 900LX Selected by UK Ministry of Defence for VIP Transport

Saint-Cloud, France, March 14, 2022 – Two Dassault Falcon 900LX business jets will enter service with the Royal Air Force, providing VIP transport for senior defence and government officials. Due to begin operating this summer, they will replace a fleet of four BAe 146 aircraft, upgrading range capability and substantially reducing operating expense, fuel consumption and emissions.

The aircraft are being acquired directly by aircraft management and services company Centerline AV Limited of Bristol, UK, which will operate and support the 900LX units on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Centerline will initially operate the aircraft with mixed civilian and RAF crews.

The 900LX's will replace the esteemed BAe146 in what the UK MoD terms 'Command Support Air Transport'—transporting senior defence and government officials and occasionally members of the Royal Family. The aircraft were acquired in an open tender against various other business aircraft models. A Royal Air Force spokesman praised the aircraft as "modern and efficient."

The 900LX is known for its robust construction, reliability, superior handling and excellent short-field capability. Its classic trijet configuration is valued by many operators for its ability to allow more direct overwater routings with an extra margin of safety.

"Dassault Aviation is honoured to have been selected to provide these two Falcon 900LX's to Centerline for use by the UK Ministry of Defence, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship over the coming years," said Dassault Aviation Chairman and CEO Eric Trappier. "With more than 550 airplanes sold to date, the 900-series aircraft is a proven performer and is entrusted with critical missions throughout the world by governments and leading businesses."

The 12-14 seat 900LX has a range of 4,750 nm (8,800 km). As with all Falcons, the 900LX benefits from Dassault's fighter heritage, which ensures superior aerodynamics and responsiveness during flight. The aircraft's EASy II flight deck, with its large screens, sharp graphics and intuitive features, assures optimal crew coordination and situational awareness.

On the business aviation front, Dassault Aviation has topped customer service surveys from *Aviation International News* for the past three years. The company has a factory service network encompassing 40 locations worldwide, including major facilities in the UK operated through its TAG Maintenance Services brand.

ABOUT DASSAULT AVIATION:

Dassault Aviation is a leading aerospace company with a presence in over 90 countries across six continents. Dassault designs and builds the family of Falcon business jets as well as the Rafale fighter jet. The company employs a workforce of over 12,000 and has production facilities in both France and the United States, and a worldwide service network. Since the rollout of the first Falcon 20 in 1963, over 2,650 Falcons have been delivered. The tri-jet and twin-engine lines offer outstanding efficiency and comfort, with ranges from 4,000 nm to 7,500nm. They include the new flagship Falcon 10X, the pioneering Falcon 7X and 8X, the extra widebody Falcon 6X, and the versatile Falcon 900LX and 2000LXS. Falcon Customer Service continues to hold the top spot in key business aviation surveys.

For more information about Dassault Falcon business jets, visit: www.dassaultfalcon.com

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