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PNG Air Bids Farewell to its DASH 8 Fleet and Embraces a New Era of Aviation

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea – PNG Air has officially bid farewell to its iconic Dash 8 fleet, marking the end of an important chapter in the airline's history and the completion of its transition to a modern, all-ATR fleet.

For decades, the Dash 8 aircraft served Papua New Guinea with distinction, earning a reputation for reliability and versatility while connecting communities, supporting industries, and operating into some of the country's most challenging airstrips.

All three Dash 8 aircraft will continue their operational lives with new operators overseas. One aircraft recently departed for Kenya, where it will operate with Renegade Air, supporting both domestic services and United Nations operations.

PNG Air Chief Executive Officer, Mr Brian Fraser, said the farewell represented both a proud and significant milestone for the airline.

"The Dash 8 has been an extraordinary aircraft for PNG Air and for the people of Papua New Guinea. These aircraft have connected communities and supported our nation's growth for many years. While we bid farewell to an important part of our history, we are excited about the future as we continue our transition to a modern ATR fleet."

As PNG Air transitions to the ATR 72-600 and ATR 42-600 aircraft, the airline is investing in the future of regional aviation through modern technology, enhanced safety systems, greater passenger comfort, improved operational performance, and increased environmental sustainability. The ATR fleet offers industry-leading fuel efficiency and lower carbon emissions, supporting PNG Air's commitment to providing safer, more reliable, and more sustainable air travel services. ATR aircraft is suited to serving Papua New Guinea's regional and remote destinations.

About PNG Air

For nearly four decades, PNG Air has proudly connected the people of Papua New Guinea with safe, reliable, and affordable air services. The airline currently operates more than 460 flights each week across 22 destinations, providing essential passenger and cargo services throughout the country.

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