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SAS COMMUTER ORDERS MORE DASH 8 AIRCRAFT

SAS Commuter has increased its order for the Bombardier Dash 8-400 turboprop aircraft by two, bringing the total to 17 aircraft. The follow-on order has a value of approximately 300 MSEK.

In August last year SAS Commuter announced an order for 15 Bombardier Dash 8-400 turboprop aircraft from the Canadian manufacturer Bombardier Regional Aircraft Division. At the same time SAS Commuter took options for another 18 aircraft. The order, including spare parts, amounts to 2.5 billion Swedish kronor.

"The Dash 8-400 meets our requirements for comfort, low cabin noise level, capacity, speed, environmental aspects, operating costs and purchase price", said Ole Pedersen, President of SAS Commuter.

In SAS Commuter's configuration the Dash 8-400 will seat 72 passengers in European traffic and 76 passengers on domestic routes. The aircraft will be delivered to SAS between July 1999 and December 2000 and will initially be used for regional services in northern Europe. The aircraft will also be used on domestic routes in Sweden.

SAS Commuter has signed a flexible contract with Bombardier, giving the airline the possibility of switching some of the orders for the smaller 50-seat Dash 8-300 if it so wishes.

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