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The Norwegian airline Widerøe Flyveselskap ASA has signed a maintenance agreement with Saab Aviocomp

The agreement between the Norwegian airline Widerøe and Saab Aviocomp of Sweden covers component overhaul, repair and maintenance of Widerøe's current fleet of 27 Dash 8 aircraft.

Saab Aviocomp will complement the in-house capability of Widerøe. Saab Aviocomp and Widerøe will work closely together to increase the Dash 8 maintenance capability with the objectives of further reducing Widerøe's present out-sourced repair costs and improving maintenance services.

This agreement is valid for an initial five-year period and has a potential value in the order of 50 million SEK.

Widerøe operates Norway's largest regional network, complemented with international flights to Denmark, Sweden, Scotland and Germany. SAS is a close partner and majority shareholder in Widerøe.

"We are very pleased to enter into this agreement with Widerøe – the largest Dash 8 operator in Europe. It will significantly increase business between Saab Aviocomp and Widerøe for our mutual benefit, and provides Saab Aviocomp with a major stepping stone towards the European Dash-8 market" says Jan-Ingvar Johansson, President Saab Aviocomp.

Saab Aviocomp with major workshop capabilities synchronised with related engineering and administration activities, offers matured and complete maintenance service concepts for a wide range of regional aircraft, such as the Dash-8, Embraer ERJ145, Fokker 50, Saab 340, ATR 42/72, etc.

Saab is one of the world's leading high-technology companies, with its main operations focusing on defence, aviation and space. The group covers a broad spectrum of competence and capability in systems integration.

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