

PRESS RELEASE

General Atomics AeroTec Systems brings Legacy 600 back into the air after nearly 10 years out of service

OBERPFAFFENHOFEN – 14. November 2022 – It was an impressive moment when the Legacy 600 took off from Oberpfaffenhofen Special Airport at the end of September. The aircraft had been out of service for almost a decade. Now, thanks to the outstanding work of General Atomics AeroTec Systems (GA-ATS) employees, it has been returned to service and successfully completed its first flight from Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany to Rivers State, Nigeria, to be handed over to our customer, his Excellency Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, Governor of Rivers State.

After nearly 10 years without a flight, extensive and complex work by General Atomics AeroTec Systems and project partner AeroVisto was required to make the Nigerian government aircraft airworthy again. But the long and extensive work paid off, as it was a memorable and satisfying moment to see a business jet taking off and flying again after such a long time.

Extensive MRO and upgrade work in Oberpfaffenhofen

The business jet specialists from General Atomics AeroTec Systems, an authorized Embraer Service Center facility, completed a scope of work that was exceptional both in volume and in expertise.

Due to the long downtime, heavy scheduled base maintenance and customized service tasks for return to service had to be carried out. GA-ATS conducted for this purpose, a landing gear overhaul, an engine shop overhaul and an APU shop overhaul among other things. Furthermore, various other modifications and upgrades as well as finding rectification were carried out in Oberpfaffenhofen.

Together with our project partners from AeroVisto, a complete cabin overhaul was realized. Among other things, new high-quality carpets and seats were installed. In addition, the Legacy 600 aircraft received an exterior painting in the VIP Paint+ shop of the German aircraft manufacturer General Atomics AeroTec Systems.

Successful transfer to Nigeria

At the end of September, the aircraft was transferred from Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany to Nigeria, where it was happily received by our customer, his Excellency Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, Governor of Rivers State. The arrival was covered by a regional television station.

"We are pleased to successfully complete this major project and hand over the Legacy 600 to our customer, his Excellency Nyesom Ezenwo Wike. It is a pleasure to see the aircraft now back in service after such a long time. The entire team involved has done an excellent job" said Florian Rohe, Managing Director of GA-ATS.



About General Atomics AeroTec Systems

The German aircraft manufacturer General Atomics AeroTec Systems (GA-ATS) focuses on the maintenance and repair of business aircraft and military helicopters as well as the production and maintenance of the Dornier 228 at its Oberpfaffenhofen site with around 400 employees. General Atomics AeroTec Systems GmbH is a part of the General Atomics Europe group and an affiliate of General Atomics. (www.ga-ats.com)

About General Atomics Europe:

General Atomics Europe GmbH (GA-Europe) is an integrated technology group for aerospace, infrastructure and sustainability with headquarters in Dresden. The medium-sized company holds stakes in nine subsidiaries with over 1,200 employees. In addition to business activities in the field of aviation, the range of services includes modernization and maintenance of rail vehicles, thermal treatment and recycling of batteries especially in the field of electromobility, special construction services and environmental remediation, engineering precast reinforced concrete components, environmental monitoring and water technology, as well as highly specialized projects in the field of technology metals. GA-Europe has its roots in the former Spezialtechnik Dresden GmbH, which was taken over by the owners of the family-run US company General Atomics in 1992 and has since been consistently developed further. (www.ga-europe.com)

General Atomics is a globally active American technology group with more than 15,000 employees and is headquartered in San Diego, California. (www.ga.com)

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