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## Hawker Beechcraft Receives Major Aircraft Order from Saudi Arabia Government Agency



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced the sale and delivery of 12 aircraft to the Saudi Arabia Presidency of Meteorology and Environment (PME). Aircraft deliveries have taken place throughout the past year and are expected to conclude by the end of the year when the remaining two aircraft are delivered.

“This order is an example of the strength and versatility of our broad aircraft lineup for this region,” said Bill Boisture, HBC Chairman and CEO. “There are numerous HBC products operating in the Middle East, many in special mission roles such as that of the PME. Our aircraft offer the performance capabilities and greatest flexibility needed for the PME operations.”

The order consists of one Hawker 900XP, two Hawker 400XP, one King Air 350, two King Air B200GT and six King Air C90GTi aircraft. The aircraft will be used to support the various roles of the Saudi Arabia PME, which includes vital meteorological activities such as weather forecasting and modeling, and environmental issues including air quality assessment and protection.

The new aircraft special mission instruments are being engineered and modified by Weather Modification, Inc. and the Fargo Jet Center, both located in Fargo, N.D. The maintenance service of the PME aircraft will be managed by HBC Authorized Service Center Arabian Aircraft Services Co. Ltd, also known as ARABASCO.

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