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Beechcraft King Air B200 Modified for Maltese Border Patrol Missions



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced the sale of a Beechcraft King Air B200 turboprop to Aerodata AG of Braunschweig, Germany, for its modification and ultimate delivery to the Armed Forces of Malta for use in maritime border patrol missions. Aerodata modifications will incorporate search radar, electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) sensors and other mission equipment for the Mediterranean island nation. The aircraft is scheduled for delivery to the Maltese government in early 2011, with an additional order pending for a second aircraft.

"The King Air B200 is well suited for this maritime surveillance mission because its range and payload allow it to remain on station for long periods," said Ted Farid, HBC senior vice president, International Sales. "HBC and Aerodata have collaborated on the successful modification of numerous King Air B200 aircraft for similar missions dating back many years."

Founded in 1985, Aerodata AG is a specialized company producing flight inspection systems, maritime surveillance systems and specialized avionics. The company has delivered more than 50 Flight Inspection System aircraft to European customers. Aerodata also maintains and modifies turboprop and jet aircraft and is an approved service center for all King Air models.

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