
Brèves de l'industrie aérospatiale – 27 février 2023

Industrie Aérospatiale

Boeing B787 (24 février)

Boeing a suspendu la livraison du B787, déjà interrompue plusieurs mois en 2021 et 2022 pour des malfaçons. Cette décision fait suite à la découverte, par Boeing, d'une erreur d'analyse d'un de ses fournisseurs sur un élément du fuselage. La FAA a indiqué que les livraisons ne reprendront pas tant qu'elle ne sera pas convaincue que le problème a été résolu.

TriMas / Weldmac Manufacturing Company (23 février)

TriMas (MI) will acquire Weldmac Manufacturing Company (CA), a manufacturer of complex metal fabricated components and assemblies for the aerospace, defence and space markets.

Bell / Safran Helicopter Engines (22 février)

A Bell 505 helicopter has completed the first flight by the type fueled solely by 100% SAF, becoming the first-ever single engine helicopter to do so. Bell collaborated with Safran Helicopter Engines, Neste, GKN Aerospace and Virent Inc.

Airbus / recrutement 2023 (21 février)

Airbus prévoit 7 000 créations nettes d'emplois dans le monde en 2023 sur plus de 13 000 recrutements. 3 500 personnes de ces emplois seront en France et au Canada, 800 employés seront recrutés dont 700 au Québec, la majorité des recrutements au Canada (500) seront des créations d'emplois et 300 seront pour remplacer des départs.

Rheinmetall / Lockheed Martin F-35 (20 février)

Rheinmetall has reached an initial agreement with Lockheed Martin and incumbent supplier Northrop Grumman to become a second source of F-35 centre fuselages.

Embraer (17 février)

Embraer Executive Jets delivered over 50 private jets in the fourth quarter and 102 in total for 2022. The annual total comprised 59 Phenom 300s (31 in Q4), seven Phenom 100s (two in Q4), 21 Praetor 600s (11 in Q4) and 15 Praetor 500s (six in Q4). At the end of 2022 Embraer's combined business jet and commercial aircraft backlog was \$17.5 billion.

Safran Helicopter Engines / Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (17 février)

Safran Helicopter Engines and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have signed an agreement for the joint development of an engine intended for the future 13-ton Indian Multi-Role Helicopter and its naval version, the Deck Based Multi-Role Helicopter.

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Aviation Commerciale

IAG / Air Europa (24 février)

Le groupe IAG (British Airways, Iberia, Vueling) va acquérir Air Europa, pour 500 M€, auprès de la société espagnole Globalia.

Vueling (IAG) (23 février)

Vueling va équiper ses avions des produits WheelTug qui consiste en un moteur électrique fixé à la roue avant et alimenté par le groupe auxiliaire de puissance (APU) et qui réduit le besoin de tracteurs traditionnels de repoussage.

Airports Council International (ACI) (22 février)

The ACI World Airport Traffic Forecasts 2022–2041, predicts that passenger traffic worldwide will reach 19.3 billion passengers in 2041. Also, in 2041 airports will handle almost 200 million tonnes of air cargo worldwide (USA and China accounting for 40% of the total) with 153.8 million aircraft movements.

Singapore Airlines (SIA) (22 février)

SIA will suspend its only passenger route to Canada between Singapore Changi and Vancouver at the beginning of October 2023 as the carrier “adjusts capacity in response to demand.”

Emirates (20 février)

Emirates will build an advanced training facility to accommodate six Full Flight Simulator Bays (FFS) for its future Airbus A350 and Boeing 777X aircraft. It is planned to open in March 2024.

Air Canada / Full Year 2022 Financial Results (17 février)

Air Canada’s Available Seat Miles (ASMs) increased two-and-a-half times from 2021, representing about 73 per cent of 2019 ASMs. Passenger revenues reached \$14.2 billion more than tripled from 2021, and 83 per cent of 2019 values. Operating revenues of \$16.6 billion increased over two-and-a-half times from 2021 and were 87 per cent of 2019.

Aviation d'affaires

GAMA / State of the Industry (22 février)

Global business and general aviation fixed-wing aircraft shipments and billings increased across all categories in 2022, up 6.5 percent and 5.8 percent respectively. 2,818 aircraft were delivered, compared with 2,648 in 2021. Billings last year were \$22.9 billion, up \$1.3 billion from 2021. Rotorcraft shipments and billings were up 7.5 percent and 6.8 percent, respectively.

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Airbus Corporate Jets / 2022 U.S. business aircraft report (21 février)

U.S. business aircraft departures in 2022 reached 4.06 million in 2022, a nearly 10 percent increase over 2019 levels. The average number of hours flown is also up by 3.5 percent from 2019. Heavy and ultra-long-range jet and bizliner activity increased 19.4 percent, with 99.9 percent of the flights flown on routes less than 5,500 nm.

Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) / 2022 Avionics Market Report (21 février)

Global business and general aviation forward fit and retrofit avionics sales reached \$2.8 billion in 2022, a 21.5 percent increase from 2021. Fourth quarter sales were up 31.2 percent. The retrofit/forward-fit share was 48.2 percent and 51.8 percent respectively.

Jefferies / Used business jets report (20 février)

Inventory of used business jets for sale is up by 40 percent from a year ago and by 23 percent in the past six months. However, the available inventory is still only 3.3 percent of the fleet, well below the five-year average of 5.8 percent.

Cirrus Aviation/Elixir Aircraft (17 février)

Cirrus Aviation (Sarasota FL) organisme de formation au pilotage professionnel et centre de maintenance certifié FAA, a commandé 10 avions d'Elixir Aircraft sur une période de 5 ans à raison de deux livrés par an.

Défense

Boeing (23 février)

Boeing will cease production of the F/A-18 in late 2025 with the final delivery to the US Navy.

Saab Gripen F-39E / Embraer (22 février)

Saab has sent the first dismantled Gripen F-39E fighter to be assembled at Embraer's facilities in Gavião Peixoto (São Paulo). It will be the first Gripen to be entirely assembled in Brazil.

Collins Aerospace / SRB Aerial Systems (22 février)

Collins Aerospace and SRB Aerial Systems will partner to develop combat drones and conduct robotics research in Saudi Arabia.

UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) / BAE Systems (21 février)

The MoD has awarded BAE Systems a 1.4 billion-pound (\$1.7 billion) Future Combat Air System (FCAS) concept & assessment phase contract. This is a follow-on to the R&D phase performed by team Tempest, which comprises the MoD, BAE, Leonardo, MBDA, and Rolls Royce.

Saab / Projet Alliance Future Surveillance and Control (AFSC) (21 février)

Saab propose son GlobalEye (Bombardier 6000/6500 - AEW&C) en réponse à un RFI de l'Agence de soutien et d'acquisition de l'OTAN (NSPA) dans le cadre du projet AFSC.

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South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) (21 février)

A team led by Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI), which is developing the KF-21 Boramae fighter has flown the first two-seat prototype.

Safran/ Direction générale de l'armement (DGA) (20 février)

La DGA a certifié le drone de reconnaissance et surveillance Patroller dont l'armée de Terre a commandé 14 exemplaires. Possédant 20 heures d'autonomie, il volera à plus de 7 000 mètres d'altitude à la vitesse maximum de 314 km/heure, dans un rayon d'action de 180 km.

US Air Force / Reliable Robotics (20 février)

L'US Air Force a demandé à Reliable Robotics de lancer une étude de faisabilité sur l'autonomisation des C-130 Hercules et C-17 Globemaster III pour les missions de fret.

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) / Godrej Aerospace (20 février)

Godrej Aerospace will manufacture eight modules of the DRDO military aircraft gas turbine engine, in competition with 25 companies. DRDO is the R&D wing of the Indian Ministry of Defence.

Boeing/Israel (20 février)

Boeing will supply the Israeli Air Force with 25 F-15 IA (Israel Advanced) fighters with 25 options and will also supply four Boeing KC-46 refueling aircraft with four options.

Textron Aviation / Multi-Engine Training System (METS) (16 février)

Textron Aviation has been awarded the METS contract by Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) for up to 64 King Air 260 aircraft, which will be designated the T-54A.

MRO**Satair /SR Technics (24 février)**

Satair and SR Technics Malta have signed a multi-year contract for Satair's Integrated Material Services solution to support SR Technics' base maintenance activities on Airbus A320 aircraft.

International Golden Group /Safran Electronics & Defense (23 février)

International Golden Group (UAE) et Safran Electronics & Defense créent la société « Vision for Optronics & Navigation » (Abu-Dhabi) pour le support d'équipements optronique et de navigation dans le secteur de la Défense et des hautes technologies.

Constant Aviation / Flexjet (23 février)

Business aircraft MRO Constant Aviation is being folded into sister company Flexjet as the fractional provider's in-house maintenance department. The Constant Aviation name will disappear, and it will cease performing maintenance for non-Flexjet aircraft.

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Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH (EFW) / Sichuan Haite Hi-Tech (Haite) (22 février)

EFW et Haite vont collaborer pour les conversions d'Airbus Passenger-to-Freighter (P2F). Haite effectuera les conversions P2F des A321P2F d'EFW sur son site à Tianjin, en Chine. La conversion du premier A321 se fera au troisième trimestre 2023.

Safran Nacelles / AFI KLM E&M/ ST Engineering (22 février)

Safran Nacelles has signed a license agreement with AFI KLM E&M and ST Engineering to perform MRO of the A320neo's LEAP-1A nacelles (over 2,500 Safran nacelles in service).

Drones – Advanced Air Mobility

Spright/ Blueflite drones (22 février)

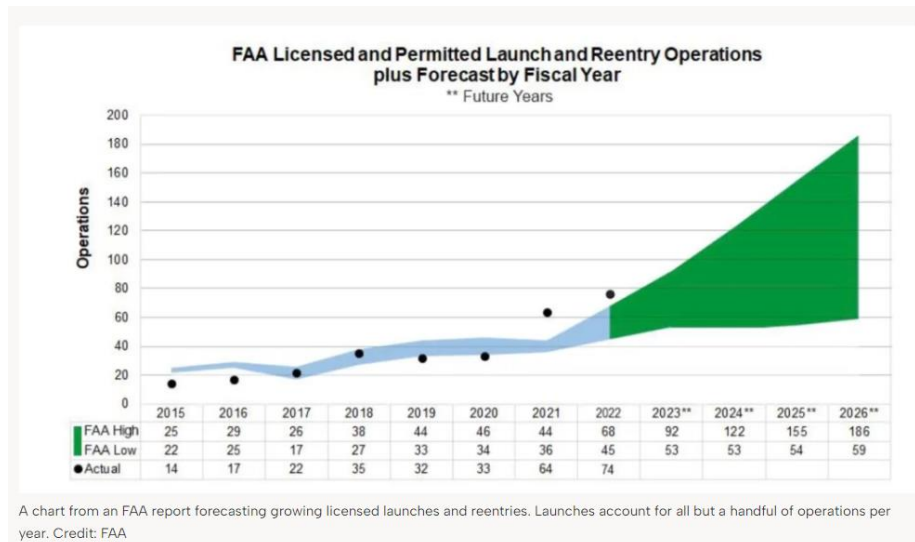
US drone logistics firm Spright has ordered 40 blueflite drones. It will use them to develop drone logistics networks for the delivery of critical medical resources.

AMSL Aero (21 février)

Australian aerospace company AMSL Aero has announced that Vertii, its eVTOL aircraft, has successfully completed its maiden test flight.

Spatial

FAA / National Spaceports Policy report (21 février)



The FAA forecasts that commercial launches could more than double in the next several years, growing from a range of 53 to 92 in fiscal year 2023 to a range of 59 to 186 in 2026.

ClearSpace/ European Space Agency (ESA) (21 février)

ClearSpace has started procuring spacecraft parts for its inaugural debris de-orbit mission in 2026, after having cleared its first major program review with the ESA.

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GHGSat / International Energy Agency (IEA) (16 février)

GHGSat will provide the IEA with measurements on methane emissions directly attributable to individual industrial facilities around the world, from its constellation of 6 satellites.

Innovation

US Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) (21 février)

AFRL is leading a program whose objective is to make rubber from a certain species of dandelion that grows in the United States and use it to produce items such as aircraft tires.

SAF / United Airlines- Boeing, GE Aerospace, Honeywell International (21 février)

United Airlines, Boeing, GE Aerospace, Honeywell International and others have launched a \$100 million venture capital fund for investments in sustainable aviation fuel. There are currently only two large-scale SAF suppliers, US-based World Energy and Finland-based Neste.

3D-printed six-metal 'superalloy' (20 février)

Scientists from Sandia National Laboratories, in collaboration with Ames National Laboratory, Iowa State University and Bruker Corp. have developed a new 3D-printed six-metal 'superalloy' for use in gas turbines. Consisting of 42 per cent aluminium, 25 per cent titanium and smaller amounts of niobium, zirconium, molybdenum and tantalum, the Multi-Principal Element Alloy (MPEA) was found to be stronger at 800°C than many existing high-performance alloys.

Toulouse/ Dispositif Lanceur d'étoiles (17 février)

À Toulouse, onze acteurs de l'écosystème aérospatial et de l'accompagnement de startups (l'ISAE-SUPAERO, l'Université de Toulouse, Toulouse Tech Transfer, l'incubateur Nubbo, TBS Éducation, l'école des Mines d'Albi, l'ONERA, Toulouse INP, l'Université Paul-Sabatier, le CNES et Aerospace Valley) ont uni leurs forces pour créer le dispositif Lanceur d'étoiles, visant à accélérer des innovations de rupture dans l'aéronautique, le spatial et la Défense.
