

PRESS RELEASE

ISLA AIR Express and DANTE Aeronautical announce their agreement to work together on the integration of electric powerplants on the airline's seaplanes, to be operated in the Balearic Islands.

Palma de Mallorca and Madrid, Spain (January 21, 2021) - Isla Air Express, a future regional seaplane operator in the Balearic Islands, and Dante Aeronautical, developer and integrator of new electric and hybrid concepts in commercial aviation, announced today their agreement to work together on the future electrically powered seaplanes that the airline will operate in the Balearic Islands. The two aviation companies are poised to achieve the highest sustainability standards through electrification, making possible zero emissions flight and bringing additional benefits in terms of noise reduction in specially protected natural areas.

Isla Air Express is working with the aeronautical and port authorities to obtain the required permits to operate in Spain and become the first Spanish seaplane aviation commercial operator. The airline will establish multiple air connections between the different islands, and will operate as well regular lines with the peninsula using this type of aircraft. This collaboration starts a new era for commercial aviation in the islands and the rest of Spain, with both companies becoming pioneers in the use of electric aviation with seaplanes.

DANTE Aeronautical takes a very important step in Europe signing this agreement for the future electrification of Isla Air's seaplanes, and will work on the approval of an electric STC (Supplemental Type Certificate) by EASA.

The Isla Air Express General Director, Sergio Núñez-Cacho, said: *"The air service that ISLA AIR will operate in the Balearic Islands will allow a significant increase in the residents' and tourists' mobility between the Balearic Islands and with the Peninsula in a general context of greater environmental awareness, especially for short-medium-range trips. Seaplane transport is sustainable and particularly adapted to island territories due to its high efficiency in energy consumption. Our agreement with DANTE Aeronautical will allow us to start working on our seaplanes' electrification and will offer in the future an even more respectful and environmental transport service. With almost 8,000 km coastline, Spain is ideal for seaplane transport development and the objective of ISLA AIR is to become the first seaplane passenger operator in the Balearic Islands, as well as other territories such as the Canary Islands or the Gibraltar strait "*

"The future of aviation goes through electrical transformation, as it is happening with cars. The modification of a conventional aircraft into electric with our STCs will make this change possible in a very fast and safe way, opening new opportunities to commercial aviation, adapting aircrafts very quickly to the new environmental regulations that are expected in the future" highlights Miguel Madinabeitia, Technical Manager of Dante Aeronautical.

DANTE Aeronautical has recently signed a collaboration agreement with MagniX, the developer of aviation electric motors that will power DANTE's conversions, and is working in a similar project to electrify Sydney Seplanes' aircrafts, starting with a Cessna Caravan, with the aim to achieve certification by the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in the next 3 years.

About Isla Air Express

Isla Air Express is a company created by aviation professionals, with demonstrable experience of operating commercial seaplane flights in different parts of the world, with the objective of developing this form of transport in Spain.

The Balearic Islands provide the ideal environment for this kind of operation. The mild climate and the surrounding waters are the perfect environment in which to operate all year round, providing benefits for both the general population, in the form of access to a novel new type of transport, that increases its mobility between islands and with the Peninsula, and to tourism, by providing the tourism industry with a quality product, low in emissions, which provides added value for the sector. For more information see www.islair.com

About Dante Aeronautical

With presence in both Australia and Spain, DANTE Aeronautical is a start-up with a vision to use the aviation electrification revolution to create new concepts to sustainably enable thin haul routes and connect underserved communities. DANTE was born to develop a new hybrid electric 19 passenger commuter, a project that has attracted the interest of airlines in Europe like Volotea. Now DANTE will also modify existing aircrafts to accelerate the adoption of clean aviation solutions. For more information see www.danteaeron.com

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