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### **Abelo Leases Two New ATR 72-600 Aircraft to Ethiopian Airlines for African Operations 11 March 2026**

Abelo, a dedicated turboprop aircraft lessor, leases two new ATR72-600 aircraft to Ethiopian Airlines Group, the largest airline group in Africa, for operations by its partner airline Air Congo. The delivery of the aircraft is a significant step towards supporting Air Congo's growth and network expansion.

Commenting on the lease of the new aircraft Stephen Gorman, Chief Executive Officer of Abelo, said, "We are honoured to have been selected by Ethiopian Airlines Group and Air Congo for this new lease of two brand-new ATR 72-600 aircraft from our order book. The African market represents significant opportunities for Abelo and for the large turboprop segment. We really look forward to capitalising on our unique orderbook to serve that market successfully."

Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mr. Mesfin Tasew remarked, "We are pleased to partner with Abelo for the lease of the two brand new ATR aircraft which will be operated by our partner airline, Air Congo. The delivery of the aircraft will greatly support Air Congo's operations and play a key role in strengthening the intra-Africa connectivity. Cementing our Pan-African value, we continue leading the transformation of the industry in the continent, supported by meaningful partnerships such as this one."

The introduction of the two new ATR 72-600 aircraft is expected to further strengthen Air Congo's operational capabilities and reinforce its position as a growing carrier. Through collaborative initiatives such as Air Congo, Ethiopian Airlines continues to play a key role in advancing connectivity, economic integration, and mobility across the continent.



## **About Abelo**

Abelo is an Irish-based regional aircraft leasing platform specialising in turboprop aircraft dedicated to connecting communities and businesses in an economically and environmentally responsible manner. Our core mission is to expedite the transition from older aircraft to the most advanced, low-emission technologies. We firmly believe that turboprops are the answer to this sustainability challenge.

Abelo is backed by funds managed by Cerberus Capital Management, a global alternative investment firm. This strategic partnership aims to further enable investments in the turboprop sector during a transformative era where the leasing business and ESG considerations are evolving significantly.

Abelo is committed to leading the way in the aviation industry by embracing innovation and sustainability to benefit both our clients and the planet.

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