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EPIC AIRCRAFT RECEIVES FAA PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE

July 23, 2020 — Bend, Ore. — Epic Aircraft today announced it has received FAA Production Certificate (PC) for its E1000 all carbon fiber six-seat, single-engine turboprop. This allows Epic to accelerate aircraft deliveries by enabling them to manufacture, flight test and issue airworthiness certificates with reduced FAA presence.

“Achieving FAA Production Certificate is tremendous milestone,” said Epic CEO, Doug King. “It is a rigorous process involving the approval of a vast number of documents, processes and systems, with composites adding additional complexity. This approval validates the extraordinary efforts of our team and the extensive investments we have made in our world-class manufacturing and quality control systems.”

The company’s pursuit of FAA Production Certification started years ago, in tandem with its Type Certification program, which concluded in November 2019. Epic was poised several months ago to complete the FAA Production Audit, a precursor to Production Certificate, when the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted plans.

FAA-mandated travel limitations restricted onsite visits, which are typically essential to the PC approval process. The FAA and Epic collaborated to devise new processes, using remote technologies, to conduct the required series of reviews and audits, prior to the final onsite assessment.

“We applaud the FAA for their rapid adoption of these new tools and technologies in the face of this pandemic, allowing us to keep the PC process moving forward and ultimately achieving final approvals,” commented King.

The FAA presented the Production Certificate to CEO, Doug King, surrounded by his manufacturing team in the E1000 Final Assembly area. The company has completed three customer aircraft deliveries so far this year, with plans to now further accelerate production schedules.

Powered by the Pratt & Whitney 1200-horsepower PT6A-67A engine, the Epic E1000 all carbon fiber single-engine turboprop flies at max cruise speeds of 333 knots, climbs at 4,000 feet per minute, operates up to 34,000 feet, and offers a full fuel payload of 1,100 pounds.

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ABOUT EPIC AIRCRAFT:

Epic Aircraft, LLC specializes in the design and manufacture of high performance, all composite, six-seat single-engine, turboprop aircraft. Epic is a privately held, design-driven aviation company that conducts all of its engineering, manufacturing and administrative operations at its Bend, Oregon headquarters. For more information about Epic Aircraft, please visit www.epicaircraft.com.