

Press Release

Zeppelin NT receives commercial passenger license in Japan

Nippon Airship Corporation will shortly welcome passengers aboard the Zeppelin NT

Friedrichshafen, July 3rd 2007 – the Zeppelin NT airship sold to Nippon Airship Corporation (NAC), Japan in March 2004, received the license for commercial passenger operation in Japan on June 29th 2007. NAC, founded in 2001 expands its operational spectrum.

The second Zeppelin NT, formerly named the “Bodensee” (Lake Constance), received the license for commercial passenger service. The Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) has issued the commercial passenger license for the second Zeppelin NT airship. With this license NAC can explore a further operational option of the NT 07. Currently the Zeppelin was used for special missions and commercial advertising. An exact date for starting the passenger operation has not yet been set.

„Very good news at mid year“, says Thomas Brandt, CEO of ZLT Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co KG. „We have been patiently waiting for quite some time and are happy for NAC.“

After the conclusion of the sale in March 2004 Deutsche Zeppelin-Reederei GmbH (DZR) started the three months training of three Japanese pilots and three mechanics. Already flagged Japanese the Zeppelin started its transfer flight to Japan in July 2004. Unfortunately this transfer flight stalled in Helsinki, due to the pending permission to transfer through Russia. The break of winter in East-Siberia brought about NAC’s decision to transport the Zeppelin to Japan via sea transport on a dock ship. In January 2005 the Zeppelin NT 07 arrives at Kobe harbor and is currently stationed close to Tokyo at Honda airport.

ABOUT ZEPPELIN LUFTSCHIFFTECHNIK GMBH & CO KG

Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co KG, headquartered in historic Friedrichshafen, Germany, develops, manufactures and markets the Zeppelin NT, a modern lighter than air multi-purpose airship. There are three Zeppelin NT airships currently operating in the world – one in Japan, one in South Africa, and one in Germany. In partnership with Deutsche Zeppelin Reederei, a wholly owned subsidiary of Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik, a Zeppelin NT 07 has flown commercial air tours, advertising, and scientific missions throughout Europe since 1997.

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