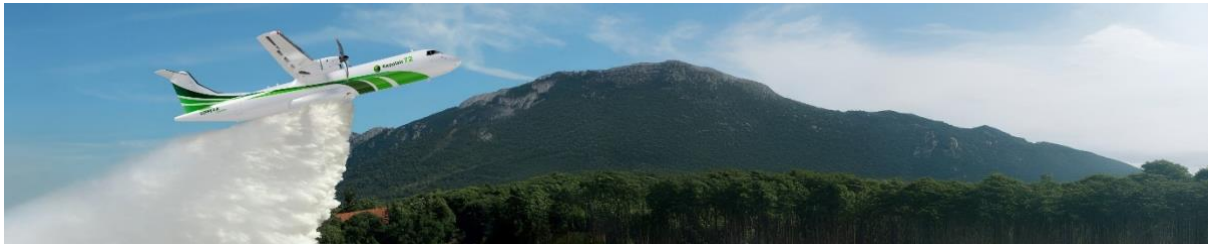


Corsica Technics sign a Letter of Intent with Kepplair Evolution for the purchase of 10 KEPPLAIR 72 conversion kits



Kepplair Evolution and Corsica Technics, a maintenance company based in Bastia, Corsica, have announced the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) regarding the acquisition of 10 conversion kits for the KEPPLAIR 72 – “The Forest Keeper”, a multi-role water bomber aircraft developed from the ATR 72 platform.

With this LOI, Corsica Technics aims, against a backdrop of increasingly frequent forest fires, to equip ATR 72 aircraft for aerial fire-fighting missions, in order to provide its customers with a practical and rapidly deployable solution.

By converting ATR 72s using the kit developed by Kepplair Evolution, Corsica Technics will benefit from the **KEDS (Kepplair Evolution Delivery System)** system - developed exclusively by the **Toulouse Institute of Fluid Mechanics (IMFT)** and **Trotter Controls**, both international leaders in the research, design and manufacture of water-dropping systems for firefighting aircraft.

Based on a rigorous scientific approach applied to the design of drop systems, the KEDS offers a high level of operational performance on the ground whilst ensuring optimal control over the consumption costs of the delayed-release products dropped. This unique expertise enables Kepplair Evolution to establish itself as a leading international player in the analysis of drop performance and the prediction of ground impact patterns, thereby contributing to a more efficient and precise use of aerial fire-fighting resources.

For Corsica Technics, this approach is part of an aeronautical development strategy centred on new capabilities for conversion, integration and technical support, in line with its ambition to make Bastia Airport a strategic maintenance hub in the Mediterranean. By adopting a pragmatic, innovative and rapidly deployable European solution, the company is addressing major operational challenges for regions at risk of wildfires.

Jean-Marc Cristelli, President of Corsica Technics, explains: *“This partnership with Kepplair Evolution opens up some particularly promising operational opportunities. The KEPPLAIR 72 is based on a well-established, robust and readily available platform, with a conversion concept that meets current market needs. Corsica Technics wishes to capitalise on this momentum by drawing on its roots in the aviation sector and its ability to support the development of new solutions for civil protection. This initiative is also part of our plan for a modern, sustainable MRO facility that is fully integrated into the island’s economic fabric, designed as a strategic infrastructure serving Corsica.”*

David Joubert, President and founder of Kepplair Evolution, welcomes this further vote of confidence in the KEPPLAIR 72 programme: *“This commitment from Corsica Technics, a recognised player in aircraft maintenance and conversion, further strengthens the credibility of our project. We share their conviction that we must offer concrete, robust and rapidly deployable solutions in the face of the evolving risk of forest fires, and we are delighted to be able to contribute, with the KEPPLAIR 72, to firefighting efforts.”*

Based on the thoroughly proven ATR 72 platform and on a global maintenance network, the KEPPLAIR 72 is a multi-role aircraft: beyond its aim of providing a solution tailored to the needs of governments, private operators, local authorities and civil protection agencies in the fight against forest fires, it also offers versatile, year-round use, thanks to its ability to carry out cargo transport and medical evacuation missions. To date, the KEPPLAIR 72 programme has 18 aircraft or kits covered by Letters of Intent, and Kepplair Evolution is preparing for the arrival of its prototype aircraft this summer, with the aim of conducting the first flights and the first drop tests by the end of the year.

With this LOI, Kepplair Evolution and Corsica Technics are affirming a shared ambition: to help strengthen aerial capabilities for combating forest fires, whilst developing an innovative, realistic and sustainable European solution.

About Kepplair Evolution:

Founded in 2012 by David Joubert, Kepplair Evolution SAS is pushing the boundaries of aeronautics to create a safer world by developing a multi-role water bomber designed for firefighting, cargo transport, and medical evacuation: the KEPPLAIR 72 "Forest Keeper".

The KEPPLAIR 72 project has received a letter of interest from the French Directorate General for Civil Security and Crisis Management, as part of the renewal of its aerial capabilities for fighting forest fires and addressing the economic sovereignty challenges facing France and Europe. In March 2026, the project also received official support from the French government and the Occitanie Region as part of the France 2030 plan and the ERDF.

Kepplair Evolution is currently in the Series A fundraising phase. This Series A round complements the successive funding rounds that have enabled the company to grow to its current stage. Initially funded by its founders, Kepplair Evolution raised €1.5 million in seed funding to launch the Kepplair 72 project in 2024. From July to December 2025, the company raised an additional €5 million, including €3 million in Bonds Convertible into Shares and €2 million in a pre-Series A round. Among the investors is AVICO Group, France's leading air broker and a global leader in airline charter services. A crowdfunding campaign, open to the general public, has just launched.

More information at www.kepplair-evolution.com

About Corsica Technics:

Corsica Technics is a company based at Bastia-Poretta Airport, at the heart of a strategic aviation hub in the Mediterranean. Specialising in technical aviation services, the company is developing its expertise in aircraft maintenance, integration, modification and operational support, with the aim of making Bastia Airport a centre of excellence for maintenance in the Mediterranean.

With its plans for a modern, sustainable MRO facility that is integrated into the island's economic fabric, Corsica Technics offers a strategic infrastructure serving Corsica. This initiative combines innovation, job creation, industrial development and environmental excellence.

Through its strong local roots, technical expertise and commitment to participating in forward-looking aeronautical programmes, Corsica Technics aims to contribute to innovative industrial projects capable of providing concrete solutions to new operational challenges, and stands ready to commit all its resources, partners and expertise to making this project a major success for Bastia Airport and the island as a whole.

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