

# Global Eagle achieves STCs to deliver inflight connectivity to B737s; announces launch onboard Turkish Airlines

Los Angeles, March 16, 2021: Global Eagle is today announcing it has received two Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) for the installation of Global Eagle's industry-leading Airconnect Global® Ku inflight connectivity (IFC) system onboard a Boeing 737 aircraft. These new STCs were internally developed by Global Eagle as part of a series of new homegrown STCs Global Eagle is pursuing for Airconnect Global Ku on narrow-body aircraft.



In addition to the authorization to install Global Eagle's core components, the STC also allows Global Eagle to install server and wireless access point components developed by Turkish Technic, showcasing Global Eagle's ability to adapt to customer-preferred equipment.

Working with Turkish Technic, the second new STC will see the installation of Global Eagle's Airconnect Global Ku satellite IFC solution on Turkish Airlines' narrow body fleet and, in conjunction with Global Eagle and Profen's teleport infrastructure, the team will offer inflight connectivity solutions on Turkish Airlines' short-haul international and domestic routes.

Mike Pigott, Executive Vice President Connectivity Operations, Global Eagle, says: "Working

closely with Turkish Technic and Profen has enabled us to produce a solution that incorporates the very best technology from all three parties to bring Turkish Airlines' passengers the most reliable and highest performing connectivity service onboard. Known for providing the best quality passenger experience, Turkish Airlines is the ideal partner for the first installation of our technology with our new STC. We look forward to supporting the airline as it continues to elevate its connectivity services across its 737 fleet.

"We are incredibly proud to have achieved this homegrown STC as we now have ready-made approval to install our connectivity solutions on any aircraft within the Boeing 737 family, one of the world's most widely-operated airframes."

Ahmet Karaman, Turkish Technic's General Manager, says: "The partnership with Global Eagle and Profen reflects our commitment to offering passengers the very best level of connectivity onboard. We look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work to provide the fastest, most robust connectivity service on Turkish Airlines' narrow-body fleet."

Onder Havuzlu, Profen's Chief Executive Officer, adds: "Combining our national engineering experience with Global Eagle's IFC expertise and Turkish Technic's superior maintenance capabilities will enable us to provide secure, high-quality data connectivity solutions for Turkish Airlines and the Turkish commercial aviation market."

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# **About Global Eagle**

Global Eagle is a worldwide leading provider of high-speed connectivity and media solutions for demanding mobility markets across aviation, maritime, energy and government. The company serves consumers beyond the reach of telecom and cable providers, bringing a digital world of global connectivity and content experiences in air or at sea. Global Eagle is competitively differentiation through their open-architecture and multi-platform satellite network which provides unparalleled scalability, reliability and future compatibility with next-generation technologies, enabling them to uniquely meet the evolving needs of its customers and their passengers. Through its intelligent leadership, investment in innovation and comprehensive product suite, it commands an envious position as a single-source provider and blended solution partner.

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# **About Turkish Technic**:

Turkish Technic (IATP: TKT), an association of Turkish Airlines group companies (Istanbul Stock Exchange: THYAO), is one of the world's leading aviation services providers, where comprehensive maintenance, repair, overhaul, modification and reconfiguration services are performed with a highly qualified workforce of 9.000 staff within Istanbul Ataturk Airport,

Sabiha Gokcen Airport and Istanbul Airport facilities on two separate continents. Aside from its engineering and maintenance activities, Turkish Technic supports aircraft operators and owners globally with encompassing component pooling, design, certification and production services.

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