

The first anniversary of the Sukhoi Superjet 100 commercial operations in Armavia

April 23 2012, Moscow – Just a year ago, on the 21st of April 2011, the first production Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100) aircraft operated by the Armenian airline, Armavia, performed the first scheduled flight on route Yerevan – Moscow, marking the start of the commercial operations of the brand new commercial aircraft. Armavia puts the new aircraft (MSN 95007, register number EK 95015) in service an extremely short period of time - in two days after the official delivery.

By April 20, 2012 Armavia's SSJ100 aircraft accumulated more than 1,870 flight hours in more than 760 revenue flights. The SSJ100 carried over 48,000 passengers and covered distance more than 1.4 million kilometers. Armavia SSJ100 regularly performed flights from Yerevan to 34 airports in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Western and Southern Europe and Middle East including Moscow, St Petersburg, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Venice, Amsterdam, Athens and Dubai. Flights were performed at 35000 – 39000 ft altitude, at the speed of 0.78-0.8 M. The highest daily utilization reached 16.5 flight hours while the longest distance exceeded 4,000 kilometers on route Yerevan – Madrid. The SSJ100 fully confirmed to be suitable both to regional and to short-haul routes. The best results in terms of number of flights per month and monthly utilization stood at 88 flights and 224 hours in November 2011 and 91 flights and 213 hours in February 2012.

For the first year of operations the first production SSJ100 aircraft, equipped with the brand new SaM146 engines, revealed remarkable operational results and outstanding safety performance.

This milestone was also achieved thanks to a full-fledged after-sales support organization managed by SuperJet International (responsible for the technical support of the aircraft operations and maintenance as well as for training). Its Customer Services provides Armavia with the first class-service agreement "SuperCare Plan" covering the entire spectrum of supporting activities.

"The newest Russian aircraft SSJ100 met our expectations. Our passengers like this aircraft while our pilots, flight attendants and technicians easily get an experience to operate the SSJ100. We believe that the SSJ100 has a bright future", said Sergey Kharatyan, Head of Armavia Flight Services.

«We are satisfied with results of the first year operations of our aircraft with Armavia. It was reached through joint efforts of SCAC, SuperJet International, PowerJet (the engine manufacturer) and Armavia. We are confident that the obtained joint experience and proper teamwork will help us to achieve all established targets", noted Vladimir Prisyazhnyuk, President of Sukhoi Civil Aircraft.

Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100) is a 100 seat regional jet designed, developed and built by Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company (SCAC), in partnership with Alenia Aermacchi. On May 19th 2008 SSJ100 successfully accomplished its first flight. The Sukhoi Superjet 100 cruises at a Maximum Operating Speed of Mach 0.81 and 40,000 feet. It takes off from a 1,731 meters runway in the basic range and

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2,052 meters in the long range. The operating range for the basic version is 3,048 km and 4,578 km for the long range version. In February 2011, the SSJ100 obtained the Type Certificate by the Russian Certification Authority IAC AR. On April 19th 2011 first production SSJ100 was delivered to Armavia airlines (Armenia). In February 2012, the SSJ100 obtained the EASA Type Certificate.

Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company

The Company's shareholders are the Sukhoi Holding owing 75% - 1 share and the Italian Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica Company, holding 25% + 1 share since April 7, 2009. Sukhoi Civil Aircraft was founded in 2000 to develop new regional aircraft projects. Headquartered in Moscow, the Company enjoys several production branches seated in the cities of Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Novosibirsk and Voronezh. Today the company employs over 2,000 people.

Sukhoi Superjet 100 – a new family of regional jets – is the Company's major project.

"Armavia" Airlines

"Armavia" aircompany is the most recognized Armenian aviation company and a national carrier. The Company was founded in 1996.

Today Armavia offers its clients the most expanded route network throughout Russia, CIS countries, Middle East and Europe. On a weekly basis Armavia offers 102 regular flights (40 directions, 20 countries). The Company's fleet comprises of aircraft types of Airbus, Boeing and CRJ as well as new generation Russian Sukhoi Superjet. Today Armavia is extending its efforts to expand and update the existing fleet.