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A warm welcome for QinetiQ's new aircraft  
QinetiQ and Kiel Airport - a good match



PC-12 welcomed by fire brigade at Kiel Airport / Photo: Airport Kiel

(Kiel, 20th December 2021) On Thursday, 9th December 2021, the airport welcomed the new PC-12 from QinetiQ GmbH. The PC-12 is a single-engine turboprop multi-role aircraft from the Swiss aircraft manufacturer Pilatus Aircraft and was a real bright spot in the gloomy December sky in Kiel on Thursday. On the ground, photographers and 4 fire engines were already waiting for the official reception. Unfortunately, the traditional shower had to be skipped this time due to the frosty weather.

"The D-FTMT is now our 14th aircraft to be based in Kiel. This underlines our strong ties with Kiel Airport," says Robert Schenk, Head of Flight Operations at QinetiQ.

"I am delighted about the new aircraft and the commitment shown by our long-standing customer," says Volker Prange, Managing Director of the airport. "The arrival of a new aircraft is always something special and the welcome by the fire brigade is just nice to see as well. QinetiQ is the largest employer here at the airport and the new aircraft is another positive signal."

#### About QinetiQ GmbH

QinetiQ GmbH is a German subsidiary of QinetiQ Ltd. QinetiQ GmbH is both a long-standing provider of aerial target display for the German Armed Forces and a developer and manufacturer for civil and military aviation. As a service provider, QinetiQ GmbH operates its aircraft fleet and a maintenance facility in Kiel with 48 employees. In addition to the company's headquarters in Mönchengladbach, QinetiQ GmbH operates further branches in Emden, Augsburg and Hamburg.

#### About Kiel Airport

FLUGHAFEN KIEL GmbH is a company of the PORT OF KIEL Group, which operates the Kiel seaport and the airport on behalf of the State Capital City of Kiel. The airport is a destination for business travellers, a base for flights operated by public-sector clients, a training and education location and the first address for regional air sports. Kiel Airport guarantees safe and fast organ transport by plane or helicopter for the Transplant Centre of the Schleswig-Holstein University Hospital (UKSH) in Kiel.



PC-12 at the airport / Photo: Airport Kiel



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