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FIRST PC-24 SUPER VERSATILE JET FLIES IN SOUTH AMERICA

In a ceremony at Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd, the first PC-24 to enter service in South America was delivered to Chilean customer Ignacio del Rio. The Super Versatile Jet flies under Chilean registry. It was the 40th PC-24 delivered since the new business jet was certified in December 2017.

Ignacio del Rio, already a Pilatus owner flying a PC-12 NG, will keep both aircraft and operate them out of his base in Santiago. The new PC-24 will be used in support of del Rio's agriculture and real estate businesses in Chile, Peru, and Colombia. The PC-24's speed will allow him to reduce trip times relative to those in his PC-12 NG, yet utilise the same runways, some as short as 2,930 feet (893 metres).

Jose Eduardo Ippolito Brandao, CEO of Synerjet Corporation, the Authorised Pilatus Centre for South America stated: "We are excited to help bring the first PC-24 to Chile, and to our loyal customer, Ignacio del Rio. The PC-24's speed, range, cabin size, and ability to use short and unpaved runways make it the perfect aircraft for South America. We look forward to showing off the PC-24's capabilities to many interested prospects, and to delivering many more over the next several years."

Thomas Bosshard, President and CEO of Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd added: "We are very pleased that Ignacio is staying within the Pilatus family with both his PC-12 NG and now his new PC-24 Super Versatile Jet. All of us at Pilatus are grateful for his trust in us to help him grow his business and transport his family."

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