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**Avinor, the Norwegian airport operator and air navigation service provider, opened the World's largest Remote Towers Centre in Norway on the 20th of October 2020.**



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-Aviation is the backbone of Norwegian infrastructure and ensures connectivity across vast distances. Avinor's new Remote Towers Centre located in Bodø, north of the Arctic Circle, will play an important role in maintaining a sustainable aviation structure in the future. This is a result of the collaboration between Avinor and KONGSBERG, where the companies have utilized complementing areas of expertise in order to build a system which will strengthen the aviation sector.

Digitalisation is an important part of Norway's future and we are pleased that the aviation sector leads the way in this regard, says the Norwegian Minister of Transport and Communications, Mr. Knut Arild Hareide.

-This is the beginning of a new era of aviation. Avinor ensures the connectivity of Norway domestically and internationally. Our goal is to develop a more effective and sustainable aviation infrastructure through digitalisation and new technology. Remote Towers will make aviation safer and more robust through utilizing advanced technology. We already have two towers operating from the Remote Towers Centre and will roll out a further 13 airport towers within the next two years, says the Avinor CEO, Mr. Dag Falk-Petersen.

The first tower in Norway to be run through the Remote Towers technology was rolled out in 2019, while three more towers are being implemented this year. The Remote Towers technology will be rolled out at a total of 15 airports in Norway by the end of 2022, which will be run from the World's largest centre in Bodø, Norway.

-Avinor's Remote Towers Centre will be a world-leading centre. We experience a significant interest from the global aviation industry, seeing that our Remote Towers solution is economically sustainable and utilizes cutting-edge technology, says Mr. Dag Falk-Petersen.

-Remote Towers is an impressive Norwegian innovation which will prove useful in society and emergency preparedness situations. By combining the vision, knowledge and expertise of Avinor, and the expertise and technology of KONGSBERG and the Ninox team, I am proud to write aviation history. The remote towers solution has great potential and I look forward to be working with Avinor to develop the next generation of aviation safety, says Geir Håøy, CEO of the KONGSBERG Group.

### **Remote Towers is being tested by the Royal Norwegian Air Force**

In 2019 The Royal Norwegian Air Force and Avinor entered a partnership for testing the Remote Towers solution for military use in Norway.

- The digitalisation with remote towers centre is exciting and will help to develop the aviation of the future. We are already working with Avinor to develop a solution that can take care of both civilian and military needs at our bases and air stations. Remote control tower services can help ensure necessary air traffic services throughout the spectrum of conflicts from peace to war, says Major General Tonje Skinnarland, chief of the Royal Norwegian Air Force.