

## **Airbus celebrates 50 years of Pioneering Progress**

Airbus has launched a global campaign celebrating the company's 50 year anniversary, showcasing key moments of pioneering progress throughout the past five decades.

The campaign begins today by marking 50 years since the French Minister of Transport, Jean Chamant and the German Minister of Economic Affairs, Karl Schiller, signed an agreement at the 1969 Paris Air Show for the joint-development of the A300 aircraft, a first European twin-aisle twin-engine jet for medium-haul air travel.

Guillaume Faury, CEO of Airbus said: "Airbus' story is one of ambition and progress, and has been a showcase of European integration. Over five decades, we have brought together civil and defence aviation businesses from throughout the continent. For 50 years, we have pioneered many firsts through our passion and innovation, transforming the industry and helping to move society forward. Airbus is a story of incredible men and women, a story of great achievements in the past and, above all, in the future."

Running from 29 May to 17 July, the campaign will bring stories to life through new, engaging content published across Airbus channels. With a new story released each day, for 50 consecutive days, the campaign will highlight the people and ground-breaking innovations that have driven the company. The campaign shines a light on many different aspects of the Airbus business, including commercial aircraft, helicopters, space and defence, in addition to programmes and initiatives.

The 50th anniversary campaign also looks to the future, exploring how Airbus continues to shape the industry with pioneering innovations that address some of society's most critical issues, whether that be pioneering electric flight to reduce emissions, digitising aerospace design, or developing new urban air mobility options.

Airbus industrial sites will also celebrate this milestone, starting in Toulouse with a fly over from the full Airbus Commercial Aircraft family accompanied by the Patrouille de France at 12:00pm today.

Quelle:

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## **Boeing Launches New Boeing Business Jet Services Bundle with Customer Metrojet**

*New services bundle offers customers a tailored solution for Boeing Business Jet support*

*Metrojet signs five-year agreement for new services bundle*

Boeing [NYSE: BA] today launched a new Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) services bundle and signed the first multiyear agreement for this service with Hong Kong-based business jet operator Metrojet.

The new services bundle provides essential digital aviation tools for BBJ flight and maintenance crews which includes 24/7 technical support, onboard performance tools and maintenance planning data, all tailored to meet customer needs.

“We are very delighted to see Boeing bundle the tools to enhance the administration and execution efficiency,” said Gary Dolski, Metrojet CEO. “At Metrojet, we are committed to providing the utmost service and convenience to our customers. This new agreement with Boeing will allow us to strengthen the services we provide, and promote the service our customers expect and deserve.”

Metrojet’s five-year agreement for the new services bundle will streamline procurement of the products and services needed to reliably and efficiently operate their BBJ fleet.

“We are thrilled to provide this comprehensive services solution for Boeing Business Jet customers,” said William Ampofo, vice president of Business & General Aviation for Boeing Global Services. “Readiness is critical, and this solution creates a true one-stop shop for customers like Metrojet to get the support they need to keep their jets in peak operation.”

Boeing is the world’s largest aerospace company and leading provider of commercial airplanes, defense, space and security systems, and global services. As the top U.S. exporter, the company supports commercial and government customers in more than 150 countries. Boeing employs more than 150,000 people worldwide and leverages the talents of a global supplier base. Building on a legacy of aerospace leadership, Boeing continues to lead in technology and innovation, deliver for its customers and invest in its people and future growth.

Established in 1995, Metrojet ([www.metrojet.com](http://www.metrojet.com)) pioneered business aviation services in Hong Kong and remains one of the most renowned safety and customer-focused business jet operators and maintenance providers in Asia Pacific. The company provides all-inclusive aircraft management, maintenance and aviation consultancy services.

Quelle:

Boeing Press Release 21 May 2019

## **First COMAC Informatization Pujiang Forum held in Shanghai**

### *Digital Transformation Driven by Process*

COMAC Informatization Pujiang Forum 2019 themed with "Digital Transformation Driven by Process" was held in Shanghai from May 17th to 18th, 2019, aiming to better meet the challenges of the digital era, explore the management mode of transforming from being driven by process to being driven by data, improve the aircraft development coordination ability, and adapt to the complex and changing market environment.

More than 250 guests from national ministries and commissions, local government, central state-owned enterprises, colleges and universities, relevant societies and associations, and global well-known enterprises attended the forum to jointly discuss the development of informatization and digital transformation in the field of aviation centering on thoroughly studying and implementing the spirits of major instructions of General Secretary Xi Jinping on trunk liner career, and devoted to promoting international cooperation and common development in the field of commercial aircraft informatization.

Mdm Li Ying, Inspector of Informatization and Software Service Industry Department of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), Mr. Zhao Yuerang, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and President of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd. (COMAC), attended the forum and made speeches. Mr. Zhou Xinmin, Member of Standing Committee of the Party Committee and Vice President of COMAC, made a keynote speech.

Mdm Li Ying pointed out that for a long time, especially since the 18th CPC National Congress, the CPC Central Committee had attached great importance to the informatization work and made a series of major decisions and arrangements to promote China's informatization industry to make historic achievements and historic changes. In recent years, the information technology represented by the Internet had accelerated its penetration into and integration with the economy and society; with the vigorous development of digital economy, digital transformation had become an important concern and focus of the current informatization work.

Mdm Li Ying emphasized that industrial Internet had been the key support and important driving force of digital transformation of industrial economy. MIIT had thoroughly

implemented the strategy of innovation and development of industrial Internet, comprehensively promote the construction of the three major systems of industrial Internet network, platforms and security, and vigorously promote the formation of a new industrial manufacturing and service system. Network transformation had been carried out thoroughly, and the layout of five top national nodes of identification and analysis system had been completed. The construction of platform system had been accelerated, the number of industrial Internet platforms with certain industrial and regional influences had exceeded 50, and the average number of connected devices in key platforms had reached 590,000. The safety monitoring and protection technological capacities had been further enhanced. In the next step, MIIT would center on industrial Internet platforms; further increase policy input; accelerate the establishment of a production and manufacturing service system with data as a core element; focus on interconnection and intercommunication of data equipment, cultivation of system solutions, and greater promotion of key core technology breakthrough; cultivate a batch of pilot demonstration parks for industrial Internet platforms; build a platform ecosystem; and enable the transformation and upgrading of the manufacturing industry. Informatization and Software Service Industry Department of MIIT would, as always, support COMAC in deepening informatization construction, and assist the development and batch production of domestic commercial aircraft, so as to support the Trunk Liner Dream of China.

Mr. Zhao Yuerang expressed that COMAC had earnestly implemented the spirits of major instructions of General Secretary Xi Jinping on trunk liner career, implemented the major decisions and arrangements of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, insisted on independent innovation and international cooperation, and made important progress in the research and development of aircraft programs as well as the development and construction of COMAC. COMAC had attached great importance to the informatization work, and actively explored the application of informatization and digitalization in the practice of trunk liner development. This forum had focused on the aviation field, faced to high-end manufacturing, and displayed the achievements in enterprise digital transformation to exchange experience in management and innovation, promote the reform and development of digital technology enabling, which is a grand meeting for government, industry and research institutes to understand each other and a gathering for technology pioneers and innovation talents to exchange ideas. He hoped that new ideas would be created and important achievements would be made through communication and discussion.

Mr. Zhou Xinmin introduced in detail the current situation and perplexity, methods and paths, exploration and practice, and roles and significance of informatization construction in his keynote speech themed with Integratively Promoting Comprehensive Informatization, Digitization and Intellectualization of Enterprises Centering on Process Management. He expressed that COMAC would accelerate the construction of an intelligent manufacturing system, make innovation and breakthrough in enterprise work mode, realize single data source management, realize the integration of enterprise management, informatization and digitization, realize the upgrading of system integration mode, and play the role of bridge and bond to promote the coordinated development of civil aircraft industry.

During this forum, the characteristics and difficulties in the current stage of informatization of commercial aircraft development were taken as the main line, and the CMOS information platform with independent intellectual property rights based on the core concept of "driving business by process" was introduced. The forum lasted for two days and consisted of 11 keynote speeches and 3 round table meetings. Experts and scholars from the units such as Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Dassault Systems, Siemens PLM Software, Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), China Eastern Airlines, Digital Enterprise Research Institute and COMAC discussed the application and development of enterprise digital transformation, shared the experience of and prospected for enterprise management reform driven by process, and exchanged ideas on the implementation cases of enterprise digital transformation.

Quelle:

COMAC Press Release 19 May 2019

## Lockheed Martin And Drone Racing League Announce 2019 AlphaPilot Teams

*Nine AlphaPilot Teams of World-Class Engineers Will Push the Boundaries of Autonomous Flight in DRL's New Artificial Intelligence Robotic Racing (AIRR) Circuit Later This Year*

Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) and Drone Racing League (DRL) today announced the nine teams that were accepted into the 2019 AlphaPilot Innovation Challenge, an open competition to develop artificial intelligence (AI) for high-speed racing drones. These teams have earned a coveted spot in DRL's inaugural autonomous drone racing series, the Artificial Intelligence Robotic Racing (AIRR) Circuit, which kicks off later this year.

The nine AlphaPilot teams, comprised of 69 students, drone technologists, aerospace engineers and coders from across the world, are:

- **ICARUS** from Atlanta; affiliated with Georgia Tech's School of Aerospace Engineering
- **Formula Drone** from Los Angeles; affiliated with UCLA
- **KEF Robotics** from Pittsburgh
- **MAVLab** from Delft, the Netherlands; affiliated with the Delft University of Technology
- **TEAM USRG @ KAIST** from Daejeon, the Republic of Korea; affiliated with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- **Team Puffin** with four team members from the U.S., Sweden and Australia
- **UZH Robotics and Perception Group** from Zurich, Switzerland; affiliated with the University of Zurich
- **Warsaw MIMotaurs** from Warsaw, Poland
- **XQuad** from Minas Gerais, Brazil; affiliated with the Federal University of Minas Gerais

These nine teams will compete to design an AI framework capable of piloting racing drones through high-speed aerial courses without any GPS, data relay or human intervention. AlphaPilot teams will battle it out during AIRR's inaugural, four-event season later this year for a chance at winning a \$1 million cash prize, sponsored by Lockheed Martin. An additional \$250,000 reward will be given to the first team whose autonomous drone pushes the limits of performance between human and machine, and bests a human-piloted drone.

"At Lockheed Martin, we're already accelerating AI-enabled autonomous technologies that help astronauts, military service personnel and first responders do demanding, dangerous jobs more safely and efficiently," said **Lockheed Martin Chief Technology Officer Keoki Jackson**. "Through our Innovation Challenge, we look forward to working with these teams at the boundaries of AI and fully autonomous flight, and digitally transforming the way we fight wildfires, orchestrate disaster-and-recovery operations and support our front-line service personnel."

"The combination of robotics and AI will fundamentally change the future of sports. Until now, AI had yet to enter the realm of real-life sports as a competitor, and we are thrilled to watch history be made as the AlphaPilot Teams introduce AI pilots as racers for the first time in AIRR. Witnessing a moment when AI will defeat a human pilot will be a paradigm shift in how we think about the role of AI in our lives," said **DRL CEO and Founder, Nicholas Horbaczewski**.

The AlphaPilot Challenge launched in November on the HeroX platform, attracting 424 teams from 81 countries. Teams competed in a series of qualification tests this spring. A panel of industry experts evaluated their technical strategy and abilities in developing image-classification algorithms and performing in simulated racing environments.

"At HeroX, we believe in the power of global collaboration to solve the world's most pressing problems. The AlphaPilot Challenge demonstrates the power of crowdsourcing to unite industry experts, researchers, and students to create the future of disruptive AI technologies," said **Christian Cotichini, CEO and Co-Founder of HeroX**.

To help the AlphaPilot Teams prepare for AIRR, DRL will provide cutting edge hardware including standardized racing drones with an onboard NVIDIA Jetson AGX Xavier, the platform for AI at the edge. Lockheed Martin engineers and AI specialists will provide ongoing mentorship to assist with teams' code development.

To learn more about the AlphaPilot Teams, visit [www.herox.com/alphapilot](http://www.herox.com/alphapilot) and click on the teams tab.

To learn more about DRL's upcoming AIRR Circuit, visit [thedroneracingleague.com/airr/](http://thedroneracingleague.com/airr/).

DRL will announce the 2019 AIRR Circuit dates and locations in June.

Quelle:

Lockheed Martin Press Release 22 May 2019

## **MTU Maintenance und GoAir schließen Exklusivvertrag über CFM56-5B-**

### **Instandhaltung**

Die MTU Maintenance, der weltweit führende Anbieter von maßgeschneiderten Serviceleistungen für Luftfahrtantriebe, hat mit GoAir, einer Billigfluglinie mit Sitz in Mumbai (Indien), einen Exklusivvertrag über die Instandhaltung von CFM56-5B-Triebwerken für die Laufzeit von vier Jahren abgeschlossen. Die Vereinbarung umfasst die Instandhaltung, Reparatur und Überholung der Antriebe für die 17 Airbus A320-Flugzeuge der Airline sowie die Bereitstellung von Ersatztriebwerken und On-Site-Services.

GoAir nahm im Jahr 2005 den Linienflugbetrieb auf. Die Fluglinie gehört zur Wadia-Gruppe, einem der größten Mischkonzerne Indiens, der mit der Gründung der Airline den Einstieg ins Luftfahrtgeschäft wagte. GoAir führt täglich 230 Inlandsflüge durch und bedient auch internationale Ziele im asiatischen Raum, wie Phuket, Malé, Maskat und Abu Dhabi. Die aufstrebende Airline hat 144 Flugzeuge vom Typ A320neo bestellt, um für künftiges Wachstum aufgestellt zu sein. „Wir freuen uns, dass wir mit der MTU Maintenance einen kompetenten und weltweit anerkannten MRO-Dienstleister als Partner gewinnen konnten“, sagte Jeh Wadia, Managing Director von GoAir. „Wir sind überzeugt, dass die MTU unsere hohen Erwartungen an die Servicequalität voll und ganz erfüllen wird und dass wir uns auf ihre Kompetenz und eine hervorragende, auf unsere Bedürfnisse zugeschnittene technische Betreuung verlassen können. Das erste Triebwerk ist bereits im Shop der MTU Maintenance in Zhuhai angekommen, weitere werden bald folgen.“

„Indien ist seit Langem ein strategisch wichtiger Markt für die MTU und wir sind stolz darauf, dass wir von einer der wichtigsten Airline des Landes exklusiv mit der Instandhaltung ihrer CFM56-5B-Triebwerke betraut wurden“, erklärte Sami Ben-Kraiem, Vertriebsleiter für die Region Naher Osten und Südostasien bei der MTU Maintenance. „Der indische Subkontinent ist eine Region mit enormem Potenzial. Auf diesem jüngsten Erfolg wollen wir aufbauen.“

Die MTU Maintenance ist die Nummer eins der unabhängigen Instandhalter für die Modelle CFM56-3, CFM56-5B und CMF56-7B. Besonders stark ist die Nachfrage nach Serviceleistungen für das CFM56-5B. Der weltweit führende MRO-Anbieter hat fast 40 Jahre Erfahrung in der Instandhaltung von rund 30 Triebwerkstypen. An seinen Standorten in Hannover, Berlin, Zhuhai (China) und Vancouver (Kanada) verzeichnet er rund 1.000 Shopvisits pro Jahr.

Quelle:

MTU Press Release 23 May 2019

## **DIEHL AVIATION MIT GERMAN INNOVATION AWARD IN GOLD AUSGEZEICHNET**

*Preisträger zum zweiten Mal im Rahmen einer feierlichen Gala im Technikmuseum in Berlin*

Mehr als 350 geladene Gäste aus Wirtschaft, Politik und Medien folgten der exklusiven Einladung. Auslober des Innovationspreises ist der „Rat für Formgebung“, der 1953 auf Initiative des Deutschen Bundestages gegründet wurde.

Diehl Aviation gehört zu den Gewinnern 2019. Der internationale Zulieferer für Flugzeugsystem- und Kabinenlösungen überzeugte mit seinem Skypax-Kabinenmonument und wurde dafür in der Kategorie »Excellence in Business to Business – Aviation & Maritime Technologies« mit dem German Innovation Award in »Gold« ausgezeichnet.

In der Begründung führte die Jury des German Innovation Awards aus, dass das Kombi-Modul Skypax nicht nur eine Bordküche, sondern auch zwei Toiletteneinheiten umfasst, die durch eine klappbare Zwischentür schnell und unkompliziert zu einer großzügigen, bis ins Detail behindertengerechten Toilette werden. Zudem würdigte die Jury, dass das kompakte Modul insgesamt dennoch weniger Gewicht auf die Waage bringt als die Produkte der Wettbewerber und dabei nicht minder robust, komfortabel und leicht zu reinigen ist. Darüber hinaus gaben der Komfort auch für Rollstuhlfahrer und das deutlich geringere Gewicht, das viel CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen einspart, den Ausschlag.

Diehl Aviation hat das Skypax-Monument in Zusammenarbeit mit Lufthansa Technik entwickelt. Produziert wird es bei Diehl, während der Partner LHT sich um die Installation auf Flugzeuge in Kabinen-Umrüstung kümmert. Skypax ist eine Lösung zur optimalen Raumnutzung mit Galleys und Lavatories im Heck von Standardrumpf-Flugzeugen wie beispielsweise der A320. Diese Lösung zielt auf den Kabinen-Retrofitmarkt ab, auf dem Fluggesellschaften die Ausstattung ihrer Kabinen modernisieren und optimieren. Der Einbau von Skypax schafft für die Fluggesellschaften den Raum von bis zu 12 zusätzlichen Sitzen in der Kabine. Durch Integration des Lufthansa-Kamera-Assistenten kann zudem auf kostenintensive und komplizierte Lösungen bei Flugbegleitersitzen verzichtet werden.

Die Bewertungskriterien des German Innovation Award umfassen Themen wie Innovationshöhe, Anwendernutzen und Wirtschaftlichkeit. Mit dem German Innovation Award zeichnet der Rat für Formgebung zukunftsweisende Innovationen aus, die nachhaltig Wirkung zeigen und für den Nutzer einen Mehrwert bieten. Insgesamt gab es 695 Einreichungen, darunter von Branchenriesen wie Samsung, Bosch der Deutschen Telekom oder dem Schweizer Konzern ABB genauso wie von Hidden Champions und Start-ups.

Quelle:

DIEHL AVIATION Press Release 29 May 2019

## **„Luftbrücke zum Anfassen“ am Flugplatz Schönhagen, vom 15. bis 17. Juni 2019 abgesagt**

Als die Vertreter des Fördervereins 70 Jahre Luftbrücke vor drei Jahren die ersten Gespräche zu dem geplanten Luftbrückenevent geführt hatten, waren alle Beteiligten von der Idee begeistert. Auch der Flugplatz Schönhagen sowie die in Berlin und Brandenburg zu beteiligenden Behörden hatten ihre Unterstützung zugesagt. Wie bei jedem großen Ereignis ist ein Berg an organisatorischen Aufgaben zu bewältigen, erst recht, wenn große Zuschauermassen zu erwarten sind. Diese reichen vom Handling der Luftfahrzeuge, über Sicherheits- und Veranstaltungskonzepte bis hin zum Schutz der Natur und der Versorgung der Teilnehmer. Da man für die Betreuung der historischen Flugzeuge einen funktionierten Flugplatz braucht, sollte der Flugplatz Schönhagen als technische Basis dienen, um von dort Flüge über Berlin und eventuelle Landungen auf dem stillgelegten Flughafen Tempelhof zu ermöglichen. Der Flugplatz Schönhagen war als einer der größten Verkehrslandeplätze Deutschlands schon häufig Schauplatz großer Veranstaltungen. Daher wollte man die ausländischen Gäste hier gebührend empfangen und den Kontakte zur Bevölkerung und den Flugzeugfans ermöglichen. Leider sind dann viele gute Ideen in der Konzeptphase steckengeblieben. Notwendige und gesetzlich vorgeschriebene Anträge hat der Förderverein Luftbrücke nicht oder nicht fristgerecht gestellt, wichtige Konzepte wurden zu spät, unvollständig oder gar nicht erst eingereicht. Rund drei Wochen vor dem Luftbrückenevent war nicht mehr zu erkennen, dass das Ziel einer sicheren und geordneten Veranstaltung noch zu erreichen ist. Am Ende standen die Verantwortlichen bei der Entscheidung, diesem Event zuzustimmen, zwischen der Vorfreude auf ein einmaliges Ereignis und der Verantwortung für ein reibungsloses Gelingen, ohne dass Dritte zu Schaden kommen. Nachdem der Veranstalter mitgeteilt hat, dass er die Auflagen einer öffentlichen Veranstaltung nicht erfüllen kann, musste auch der Flugplatz Schönhagen seine Teilnahme schweren Herzens absagen.

Flugplatzgesellschaft Schönhagen mbH Stadt Trebbin

Quelle:

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## **MITGLIEDERTAGUNG FORDERT BESSERE RAHMENBEDINGUNGEN FÜR REGIONALFLUGHÄFEN**

*So können Regionalflughäfen überleben*

*IDRF-Tagung appelliert an Politik und Wirtschaft*

Mit einem „Lübecker Appell“ endete am heutigen Mittwoch (15.5.) die zweitägige Mitgliedertagung der Interessengemeinschaft der regionalen Flugplätze e.V. (IDRF) in Lübeck. Darin fordern die rund 140 Teilnehmer Politik und Wirtschaft auf, die Bedeutung des jeweiligen Airports für seine Region zu erkennen und Rahmenbedingungen zu schaffen, die das Überleben von Regionalflughäfen ermöglichen.

„Regionale Flugplätze sind das Eintrittstor zur Mobilität und ein Teil der Daseinsvorsorge“, betont IDRF-Vorsitzender Ralf Schmid, seit über einem Jahrzehnt Geschäftsführer des erfolgreichen Allgäu Airport im bayerischen Memmingen. Die Luftverkehrskonzepte der Länder müssten den Mobilitätsbedarf vor Ort widerspiegeln und sich nicht nur an den Zielvorgaben der Fluggesellschaften orientieren. „Gerade die mittelständische Wirtschaft in der Fläche benötigt schnelle Anschlüsse“, betont IDRF-Geschäftsführer Thomas Mayer.

Deshalb, so der Mitautor des Appells und Lübecker Flughafen Geschäftsführer Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Friedel, sollten Rahmenbedingungen geschaffen werden, „die das Überleben der Regionalflughäfen ermöglichen.“ Sie fördern, ergab eine Studie zum Thema dezentraler Luftverkehr in Deutschland, die Wettbewerbsfähigkeit heimischer Unternehmen und stärken das Wachstum der regionalen Wirtschaft. Und sie können zur Entlastung der stark frequentierten Hauptflughäfen beitragen. Zudem vermindern sie lange Anfahrtswege und bieten Potential im Ausbau neuer Formen urbaner Mobilität.

An Politik und Wirtschaft appellieren die IDRF-Mitglieder auch, kleinen Fluggesellschaften zu helfen, die Lücke zu schließen, die durch den Rückzug großer Airlines aus der Fläche entstanden sei. „Zurzeit sind die Betriebs- und Vertriebsmodelle der großen Gesellschaften für den regionalen Einsatz nicht geeignet“, betont IDRF-Geschäftsführer Thomas Mayer. Das Angebot müsste wieder stärker am Bedarf der Passagiere ausgerichtet werden. Obendrein komme es nun darauf an „modernes, leises und wirtschaftliches Fluggerät“ zu entwickeln, das Regionalflughäfen entgegenkomme. Gerade im Bereich der Regionalflugzeuge mit 20 bis 80 Sitzen hinke die Entwicklung der letzten Jahre jedoch hinterher. Im Gegensatz zu Jets mit 100 bis 200 Sitzen habe es hier in den letzten 35 Jahren kaum Fortschritte gegeben. Gefördert werden soll, so der Appell aus Lübeck, auch der Bereich Innovation. Nachhaltige Flugkraftstoffe, neue Antriebskonzepte und die Möglichkeiten zum autonomen Fliegen sollten entwickelt und weiter ausgebaut werden.

Quelle:

IDRF Press Release 15 May 2019

## **Technical support for South African carrier Comair**

*Comprehensive technical services and integrated fleet management*

*Total Technical Support (TTS®) for Boeing 737 fleet*

*Establishment of local line maintenance stations*

Lufthansa Technik supports South African owned carrier Comair Limited with comprehensive technical services and integrated fleet management. Operations at the first two local line maintenance stations of the MRO company have already begun.

Comair has contracted Lufthansa Technik to provide Total Technical Support (TTS®) for its Boeing 737 fleet. The agreement includes integrated fleet management, known as Technical Operations Management (TOM), engineering services, the provision of consumables and expendables, integrated component delivery as part of Total Component Support (TCS®) and the establishment of local line maintenance stations.

The first two such stations providing comprehensive line maintenance services have been set up in Johannesburg (up to A-checks in an own maintenance hangar) and Cape Town (up to weekly checks). Full technical support for the first Boeing 737-800 of Comair started in the middle of May 2019.

"We have worked with Lufthansa Technik before and had very good experiences with the work they do. The benefits we will see for our fleet and flight operations are more efficient maintenance processes, with our aircraft spending less time on ground," comments Erik Venter, Chief Executive Officer of Comair. "This partnership is an important component of Comair's ongoing fleet upgrade strategy. Comair already operates South Africa's most modern and efficient fleet, and our partnership with Lufthansa Technik will enhance that position to the benefit of our customers, investors and other stakeholders."

### **Local line maintenance stations established**

On 22 May 2019, the first two local facilities of Lufthansa Technik Maintenance International in South Africa were officially opened. Ulrich Hollerbach, CEO of Lufthansa Technik Maintenance International, commented: "We have a lot of experience in setting up maintenance stations in different regions of the world, but South Africa is something special for us. It's a much bigger project than most, since we had to construct the entire organization literally from the ground up."

45 local mechanics, avionic technicians and managers are already working at the new stations – with more to follow this year. By the end of 2020, Lufthansa Technik will be servicing the entire Comair fleet and will have set up various line maintenance stations with up to 120 local employees.

### **Commitment to Southern Africa**

The partnership with Comair is a big step for Lufthansa Technik. "This is a first for us – providing technical services on this scale in the region. We welcome the opportunity to establish an even stronger presence in Southern Africa," said Markus Berberich, Head of Fleet Services at Lufthansa Technik.

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Quelle:

Lufthansa Technik Press Release 23 May 2019

## **Rolls-Royce expands business aviation service network**

Rolls-Royce today announced that it is strengthening its business aviation services infrastructure by expanding the global network of Authorised Service Centres (ASC) for its large CorporateCare<sup>®</sup> customer base.

The Authorised Service Centres form an important component of the Rolls-Royce services portfolio and add to the existing global service capabilities. The latest addition to the ASC network is Inflight The Jet Centre at London Stansted Airport, supporting the AE 3007A engines that power the Embraer Legacy 600 and 650 aircraft.

Andy Robinson, SVP Services – Business Aviation, said: “As the leading supplier of business aircraft engines our customers trust us to deliver outstanding in-service support. Our collaboration with the world’s most experienced maintenance providers ensures industry leading service levels for our growing global CorporateCare customer base.”

Rolls-Royce now has 77 Authorised Service Centres in place with key maintenance providers worldwide. The powerful service infrastructure of the ASCs is complimented by On Wing Services specialists, who are located at strategic hubs in the USA, Europe, Middle East and Asia, and a number of spare parts and lease engine storage locations, all placed strategically around the world.

All this means that CorporateCare customers will benefit from faster response times and reduced maintenance time with simplified, streamlined administration wherever they fly. Rolls-Royce is the leading business aviation engine supplier, powering more than 3,300 in-service business aircraft. Today, more than 2,000 aircraft are covered by CorporateCare and more than 70 per cent of new delivery Rolls-Royce powered aircraft are enrolled in the programme. Rolls-Royce recently announced that it has already signed the 100<sup>th</sup> CorporateCare<sup>®</sup> Enhanced service contract, an upgraded service package that enhances its market-leading CorporateCare service for business jet customers.

Quelle:

Rolls-Royce Press Release 21 May 2019

