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EirTrade Aviation expands in US with 22,000 square foot facility in Dallas

EirTrade Aviation has opened a 22,000 square foot facility in Dallas, Fort Worth thereby spreading its roots in the US. They shortly expect to receive its first CF6-80C2, RB211 and CFM56-7B engines into the facility. This facility will complement EirTrade's existing operations in Europe and Asia and will be headed by Bill Thompson.

"I am delighted to be leading EirTrade's expansion into the US especially at a time when the industry is looking for ways to extract maximum value from older assets and source equipment quickly and cost-effectively," said Thompson. "We will be working with EirTrade's existing infrastructure as an extension of its global activities to support US contracts where a stateside warehouse will deliver improved TATs and improved opportunities for part-outs, storage and consignments. My intention is to maintain a small, focused team which will not only bring a wealth of experience across the CFM56 and V2500 engine types, but also augment our overall capabilities by giving us insight into other engine lines which EirTrade has not previously supported, such as the CF6, and RB211."

Ken Fitzgibbon, CEO of EirTrade Aviation said, "Having a base in Dallas Fort Worth gives us a strategic advantage as most used aircraft material in the US is based in Miami, Chicago or Dallas. We were fortunate to have experienced significant growth over the last year despite the pandemic and we plan to continue to build on this momentum. Within the US we will be targeting both customers and sources for our material. Having Bill on board with more than 30 years' experience in the US aviation aftermarket will enable us to build upon his established and trusted networks and connections. These will be imperative to our long-term ambitions and the expansion of this new facility is being fast-tracked."

EirTrade will soon become as well-known in the US, Canada, Caribbean, Latin and South American regions as it is across Europe and Asia. EirTrade Aviation is an aviation technical asset services and trading company.

SkySelect extends contract with magnetic MRO for fully integrated supply chain of aircraft parts

SkySelect has extended its contract with Magnetic MRO for unlocking tangible cost savings in aircraft maintenance through a fully integrated supply chain of aircraft parts on top of world-class expertise and customer service.

Kaarle Karp, Head of Supply Chain at Magnetic MRO said, "SkySelect is a long-time partner of ours because of their unique ability to provide both technical innovation and unrivaled customer support. We are in the 21st century and we are used to having access to info in real-time. But for aircraft material, it's not the case; we are still buying parts like we did 30 years ago. With its unique technology-enabled approach SkySelect can process thousands of part requirements 24/7 to deliver meaningful savings of 20 per cent or more with a fully automated ordering process."

Erkki Brakmann, CEO and Founder said, "The opportunity has never been greater to save on aircraft material. There is an abundance of excess inventory available today, arguably, more than during any other prior period in commercial aviation history. However, best deals and savings will not wait and are often passed up because hunting for such

deals is labor-intensive, requiring knowledge, data and managing more suppliers. As airlines cut costs and reduce staff, they are forced to do more with less, which only worsens the already existing operational inefficiencies."

SkySelect acts as an extended purchasing arm to airlines and MROs. They empower people with technology and algorithms to do the work of matching real-time demand from buyers with supply. The process scales up and down automatically depending on demand. SkySelect is an extended purchasing arm for aircraft material powered by robotic process automation.

Natalja Lagno, Strategic Purchasing Manager, Magnetic MRO said, "There are many more supply chain opportunities in the aviation market than you can see on a daily basis. The part you are searching for might be lying on someone's shelf not used. SkySelect helps Magnetic MRO to find hidden gems in the aviation market and deliver them with great cost savings and superb quality,"

SkySelect integrates the supply chain in a way that eliminates manual effort by having less orders and suppliers to manage, while also driving tangible cost savings by working closely with buyers and sellers and constantly searching for the best options from the market.

Triumph Group signs repair and overhaul service agreement with Boeing for engine driven pumps on Apache

Triumph Group has signed a repair and overhaul services agreement with Boeing for engine driven pumps on the AH-64 Apache. The long-term agreement supports the Boeing Vertical Lift Sustainment (VLS) Depot Program, which provides the US Army with lifecycle support of the Apache combat helicopter.

Scott Ledbetter, President of Triumph Actuation Products & Services operating company said, "As the supplier of the Apache engine driven pump, Triumph's participation in the VLS Depot Repair Program helps improve operational readiness of the fleet while also reducing total ownership cost. Triumph is a natural choice for customers who seek world class engineering expertise combined with in-house maintenance and repair capabilities. This agreement reflects a long-term commitment to our customer, and we are pleased that Boeing recognizes the continued value we can provide throughout the product lifecycle."

The engine driven pumps that were designed and manufactured by Triumph supply hydraulic power to critical flight controls and utility functions on the aircraft. Triumph's in-house MRO business works hand-in-hand with the engineers who designed the pumps, providing the

most reliable and cost-effective aftermarket support. The contract extends through 2024.

US Department of Defense grants SAR approval to RUAG for MRO work on J85-G21 engines

RUAG has received SAR (Source Approval Request) approval for maintenance and repair work on J85-GE21 engines for the federal government of the United States of America. Only suppliers with SAR approval are taken into consideration for tenders and contracts of the US Department of Defense. With SAR approval for complete engines in the field of F-5 services, RUAG will continue to secure its strategic partnership with its customers in the long term and provide high-quality services.

The SAR approval for maintenance, repair and overhaul work on J85-G21 engines, which are used in F-5 fighter jets in particular, is a unique seal of quality for RUAG that is based on proven technical competence and long-standing expertise. It was granted by the US Department of Defense and will be valid for several years.

RUAG secures its know-how and expertise thanks to its international assignments, thereby creating synergies for its clients in Switzerland.

S7 Technics to construct new aircraft maintenance center at Pulkovo Airport

S7 Technics will be opening a new aircraft maintenance center at the airport in coordination with the Government of St. Petersburg and Pulkovo Airport. The new MRO center will perform a wide scope of work, including base maintenance (D-check inclusive), line maintenance, structural repairs, engineering support, EASA Part-21 J modifications and production of aircraft interior elements in accordance with the requirements of EASA Part-21 G. Among the directions will be the repair of components and personnel training (in accordance with EASA Part 147 and FAR-289). S7 Technics is also an approved MRO provider for MC-21 aircraft.

Vladimir Perekrestov, CEO of S7 Technics said, "In Russia, there are not enough aircraft MRO centers, even in the pandemic period, we see a high demand for base maintenance from Russian airlines. After the restoration of air traffic, we expect a steady growth of Russian and global market customers. Of course, European low-cost airlines that plan flights to St. Petersburg are our potential customers, since they do not have their own MRO centers for base maintenance. The advantage here will also be the current "open sky" mode in Pulkovo. For us, the new MRO center is a comprehensive project that will help develop the airport's infrastructure and whole aviation industry. We plan to invest more than 3 billion rubles from the S7 Technics' funds, without attracting external investments."

"The new aircraft maintenance center will be the fourth for S7 Technics, which will allow us to strengthen our position as a leader in the maintenance services of different types of aircraft in Russia and the CIS. The new center will be able to serve Airbus A320 Family and Boeing B737 of all generations, as well as Sukhoi Superjet 100 and MC-21. We plan to carry out 35-40 heavy maintenance checks (C-and D-Check) and about 200 line maintenance checks (A-Check) per year," he further continued.

According to preliminary estimates, the new center will create workplaces for about 400 specialists. The area of the MRO center will be approximately 12,000 sq. m. The active construction stage will begin in 2023. The new MRO center is planned to be fully completed by 2025.

Jet Aviation redelivered first-ever VVIP cabin interior on Boeing 737 MAX

Jet Aviation recently redelivered the first-ever VVIP cabin interior on a BBJ 737-8 to an undisclosed customer. The completion was designed, crafted and engineered entirely at Jet Aviation's completion center in Basel. It is the company's third redelivery this year. The interior design was created by Jet Aviation's design studio, in collaboration with the customer, to seamlessly integrate a bespoke cabin with state-of-the-art systems and technology.

Grischa Schmidt, senior director design at Jet Aviation's design studio said, "The brief was for a cozy, residential space in which one could relax and enjoy the ride. The living area features a deep, inviting sofa, a seven-seat dining table for socializing and a well-equipped, functional kitchen to accommodate fine dining. Wooden detail, soft fabrics and indirect lighting all complement this residential and relaxing atmosphere. As we strive towards creating the ultimate customer experience, we are committed to pushing the boundaries of what is considered possible in VVIP completions."

Matthew Woollaston, Jet Aviation's vice president completion sales said, "We are delighted to redeliver this exceptionally beautiful and detailed aircraft. As we strive towards creating the ultimate customer experience, we are committed to pushing the boundaries of what is considered possible in VVIP completions. This interior is a fine example of the intricacy and attention to detail of our teams here in Basel. As our first BBJ 737 MAX, this was an exciting opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the next generation of this aircraft, and we look forward to applying that knowledge to future MAX projects."

James Detwiler, president of Boeing Business Jets said, "We want to congratulate Jet Aviation on this great milestone. The BBJ 737-8, with its ultra-long-range and ample cabin space, and Jet Aviation's top-quality design and craftsmanship create a perfect combination. This new BBJ is built to meet expectations of VIP customers to travel non-stop and in ultimate comfort to their destinations worldwide."

The interior was crafted and installed on-site in Basel, and includes details such as woven wooden paneling, full flat cocoon seats finished in 3D wood veneer and an integrated wine fridge in the living area.

GE Aviation's state-of-art engine component manufacturing facility set to open in Ohio

GE Aviation is all set to open a 280,000 square foot facility built on 53 acres in the Miami Valley Research Park located at 4230 Research Blvd in Beavercreek, Ohio. The facility will deal with lean engine component manufacturing facility for both civil, military aviation and aero derivative applications. The facility is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2022 and fully operational by the end of 2022. The new facility will optimize manufacturing operations and advanced technology development into one facility, combining operations from seven buildings into one. GE currently has approximately 400 hourly and salaried employees who will be located at the new facility.

Kristie West, general manager, GE Aviation said, "This project is setting the stage for the future of this business by allowing us to serve our customers better due to lean productivity and an increase in flexibility as a workforce, that will improve and maintain our competitiveness for the future. I'm extremely proud of this project and where we are as a team. I couldn't be more excited for the Dayton team and the community."

Drew Sanders, co-founder and principal at Pure Development said, "This state-of-the-art facility will provide GE Aviation exactly what its team needs to take operations and output to the next level. We're excited to mark this groundbreaking milestone, and we're proud of our growing partnership with GE."

GE Aviation's new facility will focus on new technology development as well as new product introduction. The facility will develop and manufacture gas turbine engine components and mechanical systems for a variety of industries, including aviation, space, defense, and oil and gas.

FlightSafety International expands airline training with new A320 and 737 MAX simulators

FlightSafety International recently announced the qualification of its new Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 MAX simulators. The A320 simulator incorporates NEO engine configurations that can replicate Pratt & Whitney and CFM LEAP engine types. With the availability for both Thales and Honeywell flight management systems, the A320 simulator enables pilots to train in multiple systems and are FAA qualified, level D, and feature FlightSafety's SimVu debriefing system.

Brad Thress, President and CEO of FlightSafety International said, "At FlightSafety International, we are excited to expand on our long history of airline training. The A320 and 737 MAX simulators will further enable us to train the best prepared aviator. The Airbus A320 and 737 MAX simulators are now available at FlightSafety's Dallas North Learning Center."

The 737 MAX simulators include 60" electronic motion and control loading which offers the highest level of fidelity and enhanced performance ensuring the highest level of realism. Incorporating the Vital 1150 visual system, FlightSafety's 737 MAX simulators provide pilots with simulator training that features realistic, detailed high-resolution views designed to enhance safety. In addition to the two pilot seats and the instructor, there are two additional seats in the simulator that can be used for observers or regulatory personnel.

GA Telesis and Air Transport Services group enter into a Joint Venture to build Specialized Procedures Aeroengine Hospital

GA Telesis has entered into a joint venture with Air Transport Services Group to build a GA Telesis Specialized Procedures Aeroengine Hospital ("SPAH") in the Central or Midwest of the United States. The SPAH will be capable of inducting more than 200 engines per year.

While the specific location is under evaluation, consideration will be given to a centralized location in the United States with a strong interstate and airport network.

Rich Corrado, President and CEO of ATSG said, "We are excited to join with GA Telesis to bring engine repair solutions to our portfolio of industry-leading aviation services. This joint venture with GA Telesis will provide our leasing customers and our airlines with the high quality they have come to expect from ATSG."

The SPAH will target engines manufactured by General Electric, Pratt & Whitney, International Aero Engine, and CFM International and will initially offer turn inspections, QEC installations, Boroblend repairs, Top case repairs, Engine test and thrust conversions, Engine troubleshooting and much more.

Russell Shelton, President of the Engine Strategy Group at GA Telesis said, "Prior to completion of our SPAH in Helsinki, we have had overwhelming demand for maintenance slots from our global customers. This strategic partnership with ATSG will deliver a one-of-a-kind resource to jet engine owners and operators in North and South America, and the test cell will be a game-changer."

The grand opening of GA Telesis' first SPAH in Helsinki, Finland is scheduled for June 13, 2021. The SPAH in Helsinki includes a state-of-the-art integrated test cell capable of producing 100,000 lbs of thrust. The US-based SPAH is projected to be operational in the first quarter of 2022 with full FAA approvals and is similarly evaluating proposals for the design, construction, and location of a state-of-the-art test cell projected to produce up to 100,000 lbs of thrust.

Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow received BCAA approval for maintenance of B777

Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow, MRO provider of foreign aircraft maintenance in Russia, received Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) approval for Boeing 777-200/300 (GE 90) maintenance provision at Domodedovo (Moscow) and Krasnoyarsk airports.

"AirBridgeCargo, which received its first Boeing 777 freighter last year, still remains our key customer. Since 2019, we have trained more than 50 specialists of all line maintenance stations to provide high-quality MRO services. Part of the staff has been trained at our Aviation Training Center. We are confident that our customers operating Boeing 777 will appreciate the new capabilities of our company, and we will be able to expand our customer portfolio," said Konstantin Surkov, CEO of Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow.

They initially received BCAA approval for the Boeing 777-200/-300 (GE 90) maintenance in May 2019, now can provide maintenance of this aircraft type at three stations in Russia: Domodedovo, Sheremetyevo, and Krasnoyarsk. The range of services provided covers line maintenance, routine works and defect rectification and at Sheremetyevo airport VDTM can perform more complex works up to 5A-check.

A321 with Mint entry-into-service marks milestone for JetBlue

JetBlue's first Airbus A321neo with Mint has officially entered scheduled service. The aircraft is scheduled to operate select flights between New York-JFK and Los Angeles International Airport-LAX for the next several weeks.

JetBlue's A321neo with Mint is the first to feature the airline's reimagined Mint premium experience, with 16 fully lie-flat, private suites with a sliding door for every Mint customer, including two new, ultra-spacious Mint Studios, a custom-designed seat cushion by Tuft & Needle, and countless design touches that help every customer feel at home in the air. The aircraft will also include 144 core seats with the most legroom in coach (a) and an unparalleled inflight entertainment and connectivity experience on-board.

"The A321neo with Mint's entry-into-service marks yet another exciting milestone for the company this year, and will continue to position JetBlue to compete effectively on this key route" said Jayne O'Brien, head of marketing and loyalty, JetBlue. "From a completely reimagined Mint, to our award-winning core experience, coupled with the superior economics of the A321neo aircraft, JetBlue is resetting the standard for transcontinental flying and will add even more relevance to our customers in Mint markets."

Travelers can spot the A321neo with Mint by its unique "Ribbons" tailfin. The design features three blues from the airline's brand palette and is the first tailfin inspired by so-called "Op Art" – as in optical art – using simple shapes to create the illusion of three dimensions and movement. The aircraft – tail N2105J named "NEO Mintality" – is JetBlue's 16th A321neo and the first of this aircraft type to feature Mint.

Henley Air launches Helicopter Emergency Medical Service in South Africa with six Bell HEMS

Henley Air has launched its own Helicopter Emergency Medical Service in South Africa utilizing six Bell products. Henley Air offers its helicopter ambulance service to key hospitals in the country and has been involved in numerous lifesaving missions with Bell helicopters.

Boeta Dippenaar, chief pilot said, "Henley Air has partnered with some of the biggest hospital chains in South Africa. As an independent HEMS provider, we are hopeful that our services will be used to help people in the country that are looking for access to quick and reliable emergency services. We have ensured that our fleet maintains a 98 percent serviceability rate, meaning that we are on hand to meet all our patients' needs in the shortest amount of time."

"In addition to working with some of the most prominent names in the country, Henley Air also boasts the only South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) approved and certified Bell 222 simulator. As the only one in the world,

it keeps our crews fully prepared for any situation and/or mission. This coupled with a sizable inventory of spare parts ensures that we can be up and running in the least amount of time to serve any kind of patient," added Boeta Dippenaar, chief pilot.

With over 22 years of experience, Henley Air is a family-owned and managed helicopter company that has provided safe and reliable helicopter-related services to the South African market. The company has demonstrated and executed lifesaving missions such as transportation prior to surgery or organ transplant with the support and reliability of Bell products, such as the Bell 222 UT, which provides internal space and long-range capability, in excess of 320 nautical miles.

Scandinavian Avionics Design to establish competence center based on Cabin Safety Design

Scandinavian Avionics Design is all set to establish a separate competence center focusing on isolated Cabin Safety Design (CSD) programs. The aim for this enhanced focus on cabin interior, livery and external marking design, is to secure the capacity and flexibility required, in order to deliver on the fast turnaround times, which are demanded in this part of the business.

Michael R. Truelsen, Chief Executive, Scandinavian Avionics Design ApS said, "We have seen an increase in requests for design changes in the CSD area, and we have taken this step to accommodate that increasing demand. Our normal programs are complex, and in order to deliver on the faster pace and lower complexity on the CSD programs, we have chosen to invest in this new competence center. It is our belief that the Cabin Safety Design market holds a great potential, which is why we have taken this new step."

SA Design is an approved EASA Part 21J Design Organization and holds hundreds of STC's and minor changes. The primary business is development of

Supplemental Type Certificates (STC's), involving complex structural and electrical modifications and related engineering programs.

RAS Group completely revamps Dassalut 7X interior with a new lease of life

RAS Group in synergy with JETMS has recently completed the project of renovating a Dassault 7X interior. The renovation included enhancing the cabinetry by use of high gloss dark grained wood in combination with top-quality white aviation leather selected for the cabin seats. The project began with the complete visualisation of the new interior. RAS Business Development Manager, Roger Patron worked closely with the customer's interior designer to narrow down the choice of materials and finishes expressed by the owner to enhance the cabin's interior.

Roger Patron, Business Development Manager at RAS Interiors, "It was a process everyone at RAS was involved in. From the smallest inputs coming from our employees to a close collaboration with the owner's interior designer, we strived to combine modern techniques and unique individuality into one piece of finely finished art. From the new look cabin cabinetry, crafted in high gloss dark grained wood, to the cheerful combination of white aviation-grade leather, trimmed with blue edge piping and set off by the vibrant blue carpet, the interior received a new lease of life in the form of carefully selected materials and forward-thinking design."

"RAS Interiors, in cooperation with JetMS, is one of the few specialist one-stop shops in the world that can provide design, fitting, and maintenance services at one centralized location. Having noted that our customer was keen on having all interior refurbishment work done at the provider's workshop, our in-house manufacturing and design departments proved to be valuable assets in the successful competition of this project. Working concurrently from one location on creating the desired look for the interior, while constructing and preparing the materials needed, allowed RAS to keep downtime to a minimum, and ensured that a high-quality product was delivered to the customer on time," Mr. Patron further added.

A successful interior project lives on long after an airframe has left the shop. Because of this, careful examination and detailed testing of all materials were required to ensure their longevity and resilience. Specialised tests were performed on all materials to understand how they might react to long-term exposure to sunlight, moisture, and pressurisation. After several rounds of testing, RAS Interiors' in-house design department, together with the company's manufacturing division, crafted uniquely stylish products that could withstand unfavourable conditions, while at the same time presenting a pleasant visual appeal and the practicality of structural integrity.

Flair Airlines signs EPCOR for exclusive maintenance for Boeing 737 fleet

Flair Airlines has signed EPCOR for an exclusive maintenance contract for their expanding Boeing 737 fleet. EPCOR is a subsidiary of AFI KLM E&M based in Amsterdam and they specialize in APU and pneumatic components.

Guy Borowski, VP Maintenance of Flair Airlines said, "EPCOR's airline mindset with competitive pricing and its continuous workshop process improvements."

Bernard Kuiken, Commercial Director of EPCOR, said "We are very proud to be able to support Flair Airlines through AFI KLM E&M's global MRO network. In a challenging time for our industry, only a few operators have explicit short growth ambitions like Flair does. With over 450 Honeywell GTCP 131-9B APUs repaired since we were licensed, you may call us real -9B experts."

The contract covers the repair and maintenance of the Honeywell GTCP131-9B APU. Key for winning this contract is the expertise that EPCOR has as Honeywell licensed Airline MRO, their ever-evolving predictive maintenance system 'Prognos® for APU' with latest APU Fleet management functionality.

Flair Airlines, Canada's only independent ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC), is expanding ambitiously with the addition of 13 new Boeing 737MAX 8 aircraft in 2021. Currently the Canadian operator uses three 737-800s, and the new aircraft will grow the fleet to 16.

Spirit AeroSystems to design and build slim-line necelles for Rolls Royce's latest Perl 10X engine

Rolls Royce has selected Spirit AeroSystems to design and build the next generation of slim-line nacelles for their newest engine, the Pearl 10X. The brand new, ready to assemble, ultra-slim nacelle improves laminar flow to improve aircraft performance and acoustic impedance. For production, Spirit will leverage its composite and fabrication capabilities at its Wichita facility to support the program. Spirit will provide competitive aerostructures with kits that Rolls-Royce can seamlessly install during final assembly, helping to speed up processes.

Katie Wesbrooks, Senior Director of Business & Regional Jets and Strategic Programs at Spirit AeroSystems said, "Leveraging our decades of manufacturing experience with metallic and composite structures, Spirit is diversifying our business to bring innovative products to business jet customers, and our program with Rolls-Royce is a great example of that work. We're excited to embark on this new program with Rolls-Royce as we continue to advance programs within the business jet market."

As a significant provider of engine strut and nacelle products for all kinds of aircraft, Spirit learned from its work on the BR725, a Rolls-Royce engine, to create process improvements to confidently produce the volume of nacelles required for the new Pearl 10X program. They applied advanced digital design techniques to continue to advance the affordability of robotic manufacturing and industrialization.

The Pearl 10X is a highly powerful and efficient engine, enabling operators to travel ultra-long distances at nearly the speed of sound for outstanding airport accessibility.

MRO Middle East kicks off with a bang

In what appears to be the first big physical MRO event post pandemic, the MRO Middle East taking place in Dubai World Trade Centre right now is jam packed with exhibitors and impressive visitors from across the aerospace industry. This event signals positive signs for the MRO industry's slow return to normalcy. It highlights the latest innovation in key areas including sustainability, digitalization and workforce as well as investigating the best strategies for industry recovery through its new Go Live! Theatre feature.

Royal Jordanian Airlines to use GE's Innovative 360 Foam engine wash technology

GE Aviation has awarded Royal Jordanian Airlines a technical license to use GE's patented 360 Foam Wash system on its GEnx-1B aircraft engines. The technical license allows Royal Jordanian to perform 360 Foam Wash on its fleet of GEnx-1B engines for Boeing 787 aircraft completely on its own.

RJ Vice Chairman & CEO Samer Majali said, "Royal Jordanian prides itself on our ongoing commitment to innovation in all areas of business. Our technical department is constantly striving to maintain our position as an airline of the future by introducing the most forward-thinking, ground-breaking and environmentally-friendly technology. Not only will this exciting development in enhanced engine cleaning assist in reducing maintenance, it will also restore engine performance and fuel efficiency, as well as lower carbon emissions."

GE's 360 Foam Wash is an alternative to the water wash method. It restores engine performance leading to reductions in fuel consumption. The process involves injecting a specially-formulated, proprietary solution that removes dust and dirt particles in the engine. The system is self-contained, allowing it to be used inside maintenance hangars or outdoors. GE's 360 Foam Wash is approved for use on multiple GE engine programs, including models of GE90, GEnx, CF34 and CF6.

Tom Levin, vice president and general manager of GE Aviation's After Market Strategic Solutions said, "GE's 360 Foam Wash is an example of GE Aviation's innovative maintenance solutions to help keep our engine fleets flying with improved performance for our customers. We're thankful Royal Jordanian values 360 Foam Wash technology for maintaining its GEnx engines."

During technology trials with its GEnx engines, the 360 Foam Wash solutions allowed Royal Jordanian to improve engine performance by reducing build-up of deposits in the engine, lowering engine exhaust temperatures, and improving engine compressor efficiency. These improvements led to reduced fuel consumption and increased engine time on wing.

Honeywell to develop Lilium's electronic architecture – avionics and flight control system

Lilium has selected Honeywell to develop the 7-Seater Jet avionics and flight control system responsible for controlling the aircraft's moveable parts including the 36 control surfaces and ducted fans that provide its high levels of maneuverability in every stage of flight. This system is tailored made for Lilium Jet's unique design and will play a crucial role in ensuring smooth, comfortable and emission-free air travel for passengers.

Yves Yemsi, chief program officer, Lilium said, "The avionics and flight control computers from Honeywell will be a key element for the Lilium Jet's electronic architecture. Honeywell will integrate an advanced flight deck tailored for the Lilium Jet as the central interface to the pilot with a vehicle management computer and a high integrity flight controls computing platform to provide a state-of-the-art fly-by-wire solution for the Lilium Jet."

Stéphane Fymat, vice president and general manager of Urban Air Mobility, Honeywell said, "At Honeywell, we believe in the promise of the Urban Air Mobility segment, and we see its enormous potential to bring about a new age of aviation and forever transform the way we think about flight and transportation. Lilium shares that vision with us, which has enabled us to forge a fantastic relationship. We're extremely excited for our avionics to be on board the Lilium Jet, where they will help ensure not only safe operation, but also make it easier for pilots to fly and provide a more comfortable journey for those onboard."

Yemsi further added, "Honeywell has a decades-long track record of developing and certifying avionics and safety systems for leading aerospace companies and has worked alongside Lilium to develop a bespoke solution for our aircraft. We are proud that Honeywell is not only joining our roster of world-class aviation partners, but also as one of our investors as we prepare to launch commercial operations in 2024."

Alongside the flight control system, Honeywell is delivering the next-generation integrated avionics system, which will provide a simplified user interface for the pilot to fly the Lilium Jet. The selection of Honeywell's next-generation Urban Air Mobility avionics system is the result of ongoing collaboration between Lilium and Honeywell to converge on the specific technical requirements suitable for the Lilium Jet. The avionics system is designed to reduce training time and will support operation by a single pilot, freeing up greater passenger capacity.

In addition to its selection as a provider of the flight control system for the 7-Seater Lilium Jet, Honeywell is also participating in the common stock PIPE offering in connection with Lilium's SPAC transaction.

GKN Aerospace delivers full integrated wings, empennage and EWIS for 'Alice'

GKN Aerospace has recently delivered the first fully-integrated wings, empennage and EWIS featuring advanced composite technology for Eviation's all-electric aircraft 'Alice'.

GKN Aerospace and Eviation announced the collaboration agreement covering the design and manufacture of wings, empennage and electrical wiring interconnection systems (EWIS) in May 2020. The rapid development and delivery showcases GKN Aerospace's ability to support the faster time-to-market of electrical aircraft. Alice is preparing for its first flight later this year and will fly nine passengers for up to 440 nautical miles.

UK Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said: "It is great to see GKN Aerospace flying the flag for green aviation and driving forward the technology necessary to end our contribution to climate change.The fantastic work happening at GKN Aerospace's new world-leading Global Technology Centre – which this government has helped to fund – is wonderful news for our plans to invest in the next generation of green aviation technologies here at home, bring them to market and then to our skies."

John Pritchard President Civil Airframe, GKN Aerospace said: "The development of all-electric aircraft is a game-changer. This first delivery is not only an important milestone in our collaboration with Eviation, but also in the quest for more sustainable and environmentally friendly aviation. GKN Aerospace is proud to bring its wealth of experience in design and certification, as well as technology leadership, to achieve this landmark."

The build and assembly has been supported with products manufactured in Cowes, Filton, Western Approach and Hoogerheide (NL). Final assembly and integration was completed at the brand new £32M Global Technology Centre in Bristol.

Boeing and Alaska Airlines to partner on ecoDemonstrator program for enhanced sustainability

Boeing and Alaska Airlines announced today they are partnering on the latest Boeing ecoDemonstrator program and will flight test about 20 technologies on a new 737-9 to enhance the safety and sustainability of air travel. In flights beginning this summer, Boeing and Alaska will test a new halon-free fire-extinguishing agent that significantly reduces effects on the ozone layer, evaluate an engine nacelle designed to reduce noise and assess cabin sidewalls made from recycled material, among other projects.

"We have a long history of working with Boeing to advance aviation technology, safety and fuel efficiency," said Diana Birkett Rakow, Alaska Airlines' vice president, public affairs and sustainability. "Alaska Airlines flies to some of the most beautiful and geographically diverse regions in the world and we are committed to finding ways to reduce climate impacts across our network. This work with Boeing to accelerate innovation on the ecoDemonstrator program enables us to contribute to a more sustainable future for our global community."

Since 2012, the ecoDemonstrator program has accelerated innovation by taking nearly 200 promising technologies out of the lab and testing them in the air to address challenges for the aviation industry and improve the passenger experience.

"Boeing is committed to continually improve air safety and the environmental performance of our products," said

Stan Deal, Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and CEO. "We're proud to collaborate with our hometown customers and other partners around the world this year to make flying more sustainable."

In five months of ecoDemonstrator flight tests, Boeing and Alaska will work with nine other partners to test new technologies. After tests are complete, the airplane will be configured for passenger service and delivered to Alaska.

"Boeing put additional emphasis on sustainability in 2020 to align with our stakeholder and business priorities as well as our values," Boeing Chief Sustainability Officer Chris Raymond said. "Through our collaboration with industry partners, the ecoDemonstrator program is a great example of our commitment to work together to make flying safer and more sustainable for current and future generations."

ecoDemonstrator test flights are flown on a blend of petroleum-based and sustainable aviation fuel. SAF is in regular use today, reduces life-cycle CO_2 emissions by up to 80%, and offers the most immediate and greatest potential to reduce emissions over the next 20 to 30 years in all commercial aviation markets.

Peregrine and Lee Aerospace to provide ACA installation data and STC for Challenger 600 Series

Peregrine and Lee Aerospace have partnered to deliver Aviation Clean Air (ACA) system installation data and Supplemental Type Certificates (STC's) for the Challenger 600 Series of aircraft. The ACA pathogen disinfection technology eradicates the COVID-19 virus.Challenger aircraft are equipped with fresh air systems that deliver 100 percent outside air with leading cabin air replacement rates. The ACA ionization technology offers an added layer of protection in the cabin.

Jim Lee, founder and president of Lee Aerospace said, "We are proud to partner with Peregrine again on this all-important health protection ACA technology. Assuring that passengers and crew feel safe flying again is vital to the growth and recovery of business and private aviation."

The STC and installation hardware kit for Challenger 600 series aircraft are available exclusively from Peregrine and can also be purchased and installed at Bombardier Service Centers or qualified Part 145 repair stations.

Peregrine-developed STC's for the ACA system are also available for aftermarket installation in the Citation 560XL, Gulfstream G-IV and GIV-SP models, Falcon 50 and 900, and the Bombardier CL600 series family. Peregrine expects to announce additional air certification agency validations for these STCs to support greater accessibility to this technology.

"This system implements a layered defense for protecting aircraft passengers and crew by supplementing cleaning procedures with an active, always-on system that provides continuous, effective neutralization of harmful pathogens," Lee further added "This installation demonstrates the availability of the ACA system to users and operators of most sizes of business aircraft."

The Aviation Clean Air units offer a proactive air and surface purification system for aircraft, providing immediate clean, safe, and healthy interior air. In addition to removing odors and allergens, their patented ionization technology kills pathogens throughout the cockpit and cabin.

Airbus Foundation provides 7 tons of medical equipment from Toulouse

Airbus Foundation sent 7 tons of medical equipment from Toulouse, France to Kathmandu together with French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) using an A350 Airbus test aircraft. The relief equipment, provided by the CDCS, the French Ministry of Health and Visière Solidaire, consisted of masks, protection glasses, respirators as well as antigen tests. The aid will help the Government of Nepal in their management of COVID-19 within the country.

"The situation in Nepal is still critical, and we remain committed to supporting the country's fight against COVID-19 with the resources available to us," said Rachel Schroeder, Director of the Airbus Foundation. "I am grateful that we could support our partner to bring this humanitarian mission to the people of Nepal. We hope our contribution brings relief to the affected."

The aircraft arrived in Kathmandu on 2 June departing from New Delhi where it had also delivered medical equipment to further boost the efforts to tackle a second wave of Covid-19 infection in India.

SNC to install Harvest Hercules Airborne Weapons Kit on two US Marine Corps KC-130J for NAVAIR

Naval Air Systems Command Tactical Airlift Program Office has selected Sierra Nevada Corporation for an Advanced Prototype Systems Division (APSD)/AIRWorks Prototyping and Limited Production Multiple Award Contract (PLP MAC) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) award to support the installation of the Harvest Hercules Airborne Weapons Kit (HAWK) on two United States Marine Corps (USMC) KC-130J aircraft. The value of the delivery order is USD1.6 million.

Harvest HAWK Plus significantly enhances the capability and lethality of the KC-130J through an integrated, multi-sensor imagery and reconnaissance and air-to-ground weapons kit that provides real time intelligence gathering, target detection, identification, tracking, and precision guided munition delivery via wing and door-mounted launchers to perform the close air support mission for the Marine Corps.

"We're pleased to continue to serve NAVAIR and the USMC with modifying these two KC-130J aircraft," said Mark Williams, Vice President of Business Development for SNC's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Aviation and Security (IAS) business area. This award marks the first competitive win on this contract vehicle for IAS.

IAS is a leading integrator for special mission aircraft, including major AC-130J modifications, MC-130J RF Counter Measures (RFCM), MC-130J AirBorne Mission Networking (AbMN), KC-130J Harvest Hawk Plus, and other mission system upgrades. IAS performs special mission aircraft upgrades in its expansive production space in Colorado Springs, CO.

Saab signs full support agreement with FMV for Helikopter 15

Saab has signed a full support agreement of SEK 550 million with FMV for Helikopter 15 from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2026 extending upto 31st December 2030. Helikopter 15 has been in operation in the Swedish Armed Forces for around 18 years and since 2012, Saab has had an exclusive agreement to ensure the operational availability of the helicopters. The agreement confirms the Swedish Armed Forces' continued trust in Saab as a long-term support partner.

The agreement includes support and maintenance of all 20 helicopters including mission equipment, military equipment, and technical personnel, Base personnel for command, planning and administration, provision of logistics and equipment, including engine maintenance and call options in the form of additional technical personnel and engineering services.

"Since 2012, we have worked closely with the end customer at the Helicopter Wing, and our proficiency at providing full support and maintenance ensures the high availability of Helikopter 15. The continued trust in us and long-term contracts confirm that we are the strategic support partner we want to be," said Ellen Molin, head of Saab's business area Support and Services.

At present, Helikopter 15 operates from two bases in Sweden: Linköping and Ronneby. The main base for maintenance, inspections and repairs is at Malmen in Linköping, which is where the majority of Saab's resources for helicopter maintenance are located. Saab also has permanent staff in Ronneby, along with good capacity to allocate resources to different sites when the need arises.

The Helikopter 15 operated by the Swedish Armed Forces is Agusta 109 LUHS. It is manufactured in Italy by the Italian-British company Agusta-Westland.

Croatia selects Rafale for Air Force

Croatia has selected the Rafale for its Air Force, following an international call for tenders as part of its Multi Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) program. The contract between the French and Croatian authorities will cover the acquisition of 12 Rafale previously in service with the French Air Force, as well as fleet support and training.

Dassault Aviation and its partners are delighted with the choice of Croatia as a first-time user of a "Dassault aircraft" and the fifth Rafale export customer, and thank the Croatian authorities for their confidence. They commend the work done by the "France" team in the frame of the call for tenders and actively support the French authorities in finalizing the signature of this contract.

This latest success in a competition between European and US aircraft confirms the technological and operational superiority of the Rafale, latest-generation, combat proven, multirole fighter. It also reinforces the Rafale's position in the European Air Forces, making an active contribution to European defense sovereignty.

Saab successfully demonstrates Guided Multipurpose Munition for US Army

US Army has granted a three-year contract to Saab for live firing and demonstration of the new Guided Multipurpose Munition (GMM). The GMM System Capability Demonstration was a joint activity between Saab and Raytheon Missiles & Defense, funded under a US Government Rapid Innovation Funding (RIF) effort. RIF efforts are intended to support the development of promising technologies that address military capability to fulfill an operational or national need.

On November 5 2020, at the Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona, Saab, in collaboration with the US Army and Raytheon Missiles & Defense, fired Guided Multipurpose Munitions for the first time with live warheads. GMM was fired from both the Carl-Gustaf recoilless rifle and an adaptation of an AT4 disposable launcher. The munitions were guided to their target using a semi-active laser guidance system and designator.

"GMM marks the next step in the evolution of our shoulder-launched systems. It is the most advanced munition yet and will offer greater precision, outstanding performance with pin-point accuracy and multi-target capability," said Görgen Johansson, head of Saab business area Dynamics.

Through a series of live fire engagements, multiple targets were engaged and destroyed at ranges from 1550 to 2500 meters. The targets were triple brick wall, double-reinforced concrete wall, and an up-armored vehicle, demonstrating the devastating combination of a high-performance break-in charge, and a follow-through charge designed to ensure effects even in hardened targets. The increased range, in combination with a Confined Space capability, will offer troops greater tactical flexibility when selecting a firing position.

"Raytheon and Saab have been working together on the GMM, and take pride in the fact that they can provide the Army with a standard guided munition they can fire from prolific soldier-borne launchers as well as weapons stations and unmanned vehicles. This universal munition will increase overall lethality and help prepare for every conceivable conflict on the spectrum," said Tom Laliberty, vice president of Land Warfare & Air Defense, a Raytheon Missiles & Defense mission area.

GMM represents the next step in both the evolution of guided man-portable munitions and the Saab-Raytheon collaboration, and expands the shoulder-launched guided capability to the AT4. GMM also has the capability for future applications on remote weapons stations, manned and unmanned aerial and ground systems, and indirect fire.

The initial work on GMM began in 2017, which resulted in the concept of the Guided Carl-Gustaf Munition that was demonstrated in September 2019.

Saab's Carl-Gustaf and AT4 weapon systems are used by the US Armed Forces as well as the ground forces of more than 40 other countries.

US Air Force selects Bombardier Global aircraft for Battlefield Airborne Communications Node program

Bombardier has signed an agreement with its Learjet subsidiary and US Air Force in support of the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node (BACN) program. The Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract provides the USAF with flexible ordering and includes an immediate firm order for one Global 6000 aircraft, with as many as five additional Global 6000 aircraft. The contract, which includes engineering and modification work, represents a potential total value of close to USD 465 million.

Bombardier has already delivered four Global aircraft to the US Air Force since 2007 for the BACN program, an airborne relay that extends communication ranges, bridges between radio frequencies and "translates" among incompatible communications systems. BACN aircraft are known in the US Air Force as the E-11A.

"Bombardier is proud to be chosen once again by the US Air Force to provide our high-performing Global aircraft and our unique expertise in support of the BACN program," said Michel Ouellette, Executive Vice President, Specialized Aircraft, Programs and Engineering, Bombardier. "Our U.S.-based employees are honored to be lending their skills in support of this elite project."

Engineers and technicians at Bombardier Specialized Aircraft's Center of Excellence in Wichita, Kansas, will modify the Global platform to support the communications equipment required for the mission, while teams in Tucson will provide the aircraft's interior and eventually perform the exterior painting work.

Proud to be a major employer in the US aviation sector, Bombardier works with local colleges and technical schools to help inspire and train the next generation of aerospace professionals.

Bombardier Global aircraft, renowned in the business aviation industry for range, spaciousness and a smooth ride, are a proven, go-to platform for special government missions thanks to their speed, payload capacity, built-in power redundancy, reliability and endurance.

GA-ASI to provide fleet support to MQ-9 RPA for Italian Air Force

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems has signed a Foreign Military Sales agreement with Italian Air Force to provide a mid-life update to the fleet of MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) and Ground Control Stations (GCS).

GA-ASI European Regional Vice President, Scott Smith said, "The Italian Air Force has long been a leader in the utilization of MQ-9 RPA to support a wide range of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions in Italy, over the Mediterranean, and in support of NATO operations. These enhancements give Italian forces the ability to see better and more clearly than ever with their MQ-9 RPAs and we're proud to work with the ItAF to update their existing fleet."

The Italian Air Force's Mid-Life Modernization (MLM) Program will include updates to the MQ-9s which will improve them from Block 1 to Block 5 configuration. The Block 5 system includes a significantly increased electrical power capability, improved landing gear and the latest versions of the GA-ASI Lynx Multi-mode Radar and Raytheon Electro-Optical sensors.

Israel Aerospace Industries signed USD 200 million contract to provide Heron UAV

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) recently signed a USD 200 million contract to provide unmanned aerial systems (UAS) services to a country in Asia, relating to IAI's Heron unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). This is the fourth major UAS transaction that IAI has announced this year. The Heron family leads IAI's range of UAVs.

The various Heron models are used regularly for operational missions by over 20 customers worldwide. Controlled remotely from sea frigates or the seashore, the Heron supports ground and maritime missions against submarines and coastal guards. It transmits information while at sea, including between all the weapon systems participating in a mission. The Heron UAS may be fitted with LOS or SATCOM communication, and features long runner operational flexibility with automated remote takeoff, landing, and control with no need for deploying a control post near the runway.

IAI President and CEO, Boaz Levy, said, "The deal is a testament to our customers' strong satisfaction with the Heron UAVs, including their operational and technical performance. Our customers repeatedly choose the Heron for its broad range of intelligence collection missions in different ground and weather settings."

IAI's UAS know-how and experience have been accumulated over nearly 50 years, representing two million aggregate flight hours and over 50 customers worldwide. This expertise is in addition to IAI's service as a center for national and global technological know-how in the areas of air defense, radar systems, satellites, remotely piloted vehicles, assault missiles, aviation, and cyber.

Tommaso Aureimma steps down as CEO of Aerotechnic Industries to join AFI KLM E&M as VP, Sales, Asia Pacific

Tommaso Aureimma has been appointed as the Vice President Sales, Asia Pacific at AFI KLM E&M. He currently holds the position of CEO at Aerotechnic Industries (ATI), a joint venture between AFI KLM E&M and Royal Air Maroc. In his new role, he will be entrusted with continuing to develop AFI KLM E&M's commercial presence in Asia-Pacific.

He will succeed Dominik Wiener Silva, who will be joining the KLM Engineering & Maintenance (KLM E&M) management team in Amsterdam.

"I would like to warmly thank Dominik Wiener Silva who has contributed to the dynamism and reputation of AFI KLM E&M in the Asia-Pacific region. Over the past five years, he has achieved many commercial successes, always driven by the partnership mindset that is so fundamental in our MRO business and characteristic of our brand. I am fully confident that Tommaso Auriemma will continue to develop our presence in this fast-paced and dynamic region, where AFI KLM E&M has many assets. He will be able to rely on the extensive MRO expertise of the Air France-KLM Group backed by a powerful local network of subsidiaries and joint ventures,"said Anne Brachet, EVP Air France-KLM Engineering & Maintenance.

Tommaso Auriemma said, "I am thrilled to be joining the commercial team of AFI KLM E&M. I am enthusiastically looking forward to this new mission and to meeting our customers in Asia Pacific. We are emerging from one of the most difficult and challenging times in the history of the aviation industry. In this context, clients are expecting us to support them and to build new adaptive business solutions jointly. I will do my best to live up to the trust placed in us by operators, and to fly the AFI KLM E&M flag high."

Tommaso has over 22 years of professional experience in the MRO industry. He has a solid background in Finance and holds a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering. Since 2016, Tommaso has been holding the position of Chief Executive Officer of Aerotechnic Industries (ATI), offering A320/737NG heavy maintenance services in Casablanca, Morocco.

Recaro Aircraft Seating promotes Sunitha Vegerla as General Manager of Americas

Recaro Aircraft Seating has promoted Sunitha Vegerla as its new General Manager of Fort Worth, Texas. Vegerla is the Director of Quality and Process Management and a member of the Americas executive leadership team.

After three years in the role, current General Manager René Dankwerth will be transitioning into a new position as EVP Competence Center Composites at Recaro headquarters in Schwaebisch Hall. During his time as General Manager, Dankwerth ramped up the facility's production capabilities to double the sales volume in 2018-2019, while maintaining on-time delivery to customers.

"When René approached me about returning to Germany, I remembered Sunitha telling me that she could imagine herself taking over this role again at some point in the future," said Dr. Mark Hiller, CEO and Shareholder of Recaro Aircraft Seating. "I am confident that Sunitha is the right person to lead our site into this new chapter for our industry and continue expanding our footprint in the Americas region."

Vegerla has been with the seating company for nearly two decades and is responsible for helping build the program management department in the Americas. Originally from India, Vegerla holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Andhra University in India and a master's degree in engineering technology from the University of North Texas.

"I am honored to accept the General Manager position and I look forward to continuing the great work accomplished at our site," said Sunitha Vegerla, Director of Quality and Process Management at Recaro Aircraft Seating Americas. "René did a wonderful job leading for the past three years and I want to build on his successes. Our team members are greatly valued for their hard work, and their commitment to Team Recaro will drive our post-pandemic growth."

Recaro Aircraft Seating Americas is one of five Recaro sites located around the world and was established in 1998 in north Fort Worth. The facility employs nearly 400 team members and was producing 42,000 seats in 2019 on its eight production lines for airlines around the world.

Patricia Yarrington elected as Independent director at Lockheed Martin

Lockheed Martin Corporation has elected Patricia E. Yarrington to the board of directors as Independent director. After 38 years of service Yarrington recently retired as Chevron Corporation's chief financial officer.

James Taiclet, chairman, president and CEO of Lockheed Martin said, "Pat brings a wealth of expertise to the board, having served at the highest levels of a leading global company guiding financial strategy and capital allocation. Her insight will be a tremendous asset as we continue to pioneer advances in the innovative technologies that will deter the threats of the 21st century, while creating new value for shareholders and customers."

At Chevron, Yarrington served as vice president and treasurer from 2007 through 2008, vice president, Policy, Government and Public Affairs from 2002 to 2007 and vice president, Strategic Planning from 2000 to 2002. Previously, she served on the boards of directors of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LLC (a 50-50 joint venture with Phillips 66) and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, serving as the chairman of the Bank's board between 2013-2014.

Laurie Villa appointed as Chief People Officer at JetBlue

JetBlue has appointed Laurie Villa to the position of Chief People Officer. He will be reporting to JetBlue's CEO, Robin Hayes and will be responsible for engaging JetBlue crewmembers and fostering its unique culture, overseeing teams such as compensation and benefits; diversity, equity and inclusion; crew relations; values and labor relations; recruiting and talent management; and JetBlue University.

Mike Elliott, JetBlue's current Chief People Officer, who has been with the company since 2010, currently plans to depart JetBlue in August after the transition is complete.

"For over a decade, Mike has been one of our fiercest culture champions and an advocate for the People team and all of our Crewmembers," said Hayes. "As we grew and evolved our business, he never forgot the needs of our crewmembers and tirelessly worked to protect our unique culture as a competitive advantage. I am thankful to Mike for all he has done over the past ten years, but I am especially grateful for thoughtfully leading this transition effort and for delaying his plans to move on from JetBlue because of the pandemic. He has certainly earned some well-deserved time off after a year of unprecedented challenge and so many years of service to our people."

"Even though we must say goodbye to Mike, I'm thrilled to welcome Laurie to JetBlue as we begin a historic rebound in travel and continue to transform our People and training functions to support our crewmembers in the new landscape," Hayes said. "Laurie has deep knowledge of our industry and a love for the JetBlue brand. I'm confident she'll be a terrific addition to the senior leadership team and will help inspire our crewmembers as we tackle new challenges in our industry and work to bring greater diversity and equity to JetBlue."

With more than 20 years of leadership experience, Villa has shaped effective people and talent strategies to support long-term business objectives in a number of industries, including consumer goods, specialty retail, education, and technology. She most recently served as the chief human resources officer at Spirit Airlines for the past six and a half years where she leveraged data and analytics to improve the employee and guest experience, strengthen culture and engagement, and grow their talent pipeline. Laurie also focused heavily on targeted investments in internal talent and strengthening diversity, equity and inclusion within the airline.

Remi Le Meur appointed as the Head of Aircraft Sales at BOC Aviation

BOC Aviation has announced Remi Le Meur as the Head of Aircraft Sales. Remi replaces Andrew Taylor, who will remain with the Company until his retirement on 30 June 2021 to ensure a smooth transition of his duties.

In his new role, Remi will oversee the Aircraft Sales department globally with primary responsibility for selling aircraft with leases attached and managing relationships with aircraft investors. He will be based in the Company's headquarters in Singapore.

Robert Martin, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer said, "We thank Andrew for his dedication and contributions to the Company, and wish him well in his retirement. We are delighted to welcome Remi to the Singapore office as he takes on this new role. This appointment also continues to reflect the strong emphasis we place on talent management and succession planning, as we maintain a global management team with experience across the core competencies of the aircraft operating leasing business to deliver long term sustainable growth."

Remi joined BOC Aviation in 2011, where he was most recently Head of Airline Leasing and Sales for Europe and Africa, based in the Dublin office. He has 23 years of aircraft sales, airline marketing and leasing experience.

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