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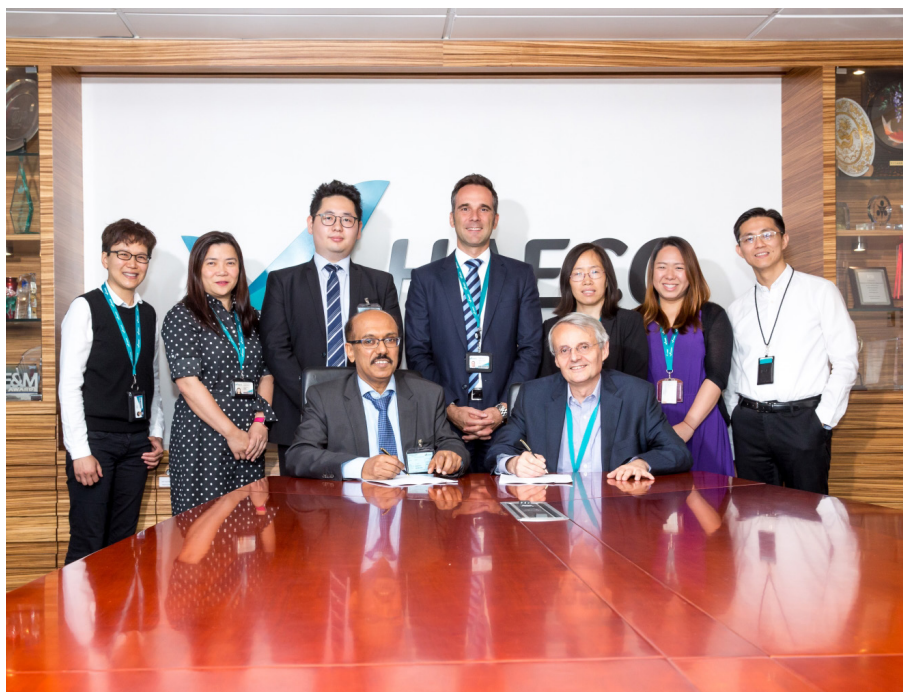
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HAECO ITM selects Ramco Aviation Suite for its IT operations



HAECO ITM Limited ("HAECO ITM"), a joint venture between HAECO and Cathay Pacific Airways, has deployed Ramco Aviation Suite of software to support the company's IT operations.

HAECO ITM will benefit from Ramco's end-to-end solution by unifying various techno-commercial functions covering Customer Contract Management, Supply Chain Management, Inventory Management, Financial Management, and Component Engineering including Reliability Management on a single platform equipped with superior supply chain planning and optimisation. Ramco Aviation Suite will integrate with HAECO's existing business systems, while the partnership will also enable HAECO ITM to interface with customers and suppliers through Aeroxchange, an electronic business network serving the aviation MRO industry.

Christopher Gibbs, HAECO's Group Direc-

tor of Components & Engine Services, said, "We are very pleased to reach this agreement with Ramco. With the implementation of this new IT system, we are able to support HAECO ITM's day-to-day operations with integrated, reliable and scalable end-to-end solutions to better serve our customers. We look forward to a strong partnership with Ramco to deliver exceptional value to our customers for a sustainable future."

Virender Aggarwal, CEO of Ramco Systems, said, "Winning the enterprise applications mandate from a leading global MRO has proven once again that our Aviation Suite has best-in-class functionality and user-friendly features. We believe that this strategic partnership with HAECO will go a long way in supporting its growing global business and also positioning us as one of the most comprehensive aviation software providers on cloud and mobile."

AFI KLM E&M receives FAA approval for Leap on-wing/on-site maintenance activities

AFI KLM E&M, a major multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) provider has secured approval from the Federal Aviation Authority clearing it to carry out onwing/on site work on Leap-type engines from now on. The Air France-KLM subsidiary has passed a new milestone in the industrialisation and marketing of its maintenance services dedicated to the new-generation powerplant.

After gaining approval from the European Air Safety Agency (EASA), AFI KLM E&M has been granted that of the FAA and is accordingly continuing to ramp up its Leap industrialization programme. The Group is now also able to offer its services to North American airlines operating the new-generation engine.

One of the first MRO services suppliers to support Leap operators worldwide, AFI KLM E&M is already meeting the needs of its customers in carrying out the first wing/on site work on Leap -1A and Leap -1B engines. The scope of that work may include engine build-up services, borescope inspections, or changing Line Replaceable Units (LRU).

Anne Brachet, Executive Vice President AIR FRANCE KLM Engineering and Maintenance, said, "FAA approval is a further milestone in the development of our dedicated LEAP maintenance offering. AFI KLM E&M is now approved to offer its services to all operators of the Leap -1A and Leap -1B engines equipping the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX worldwide. The Air France KLM Group is already providing initial Leap support for operators, and in particular has successfully carried out an engine build-up workscope for TUI Group, chalking up experience prior to carrying out more complex worksopes, especially Quick Turn operations."

Tork: Relieving the headache for MRO production managers everywhere



Aircraft maintenance work is about minimising downtime – without ever compromising on quality and safety. Making sure suitable production processes are in place, and that aircraft technicians are equipped with the right tools and solutions, will ensure increased performance, quality and efficiency.

As a result of inadequate cleaning tools, like commonly used rags, often too much of a technician's time and effort is spent on cleaning and wiping instead of more value adding tasks. Time is lost and service takes too long.

Rags clutter the workplace, can be unhygienic, unsafe and soaked in chemicals that could evaporate into the air, exposing technicians to even more chemical emissions. Further

time is wasted sorting and choosing mixed rags, and a lack of dispenser solutions means cleaning supplies are not close to hand. Tork provides industrial wiping solutions that enable technicians to carry out their cleaning and wiping tasks faster and more efficiently, without compromising on quality or safety.

The multi-purpose Tork Heavy-Duty Cleaning Cloth is highly absorbent, thick and durable ensuring it withstands hard scrubbing without falling apart. The solutions work well with most solvents and remove oil, grease, water and stubborn spots quickly and effectively leaving no residue on the surface, whilst protecting hands from heat and metal scraps. Incorporating exelCLEAN® technology, Heavy-Duty Cleaning Cloths

provide a quicker professional cleaning result.

The Tork Industrial Heavy-Duty Wiping Paper provides users with an extra-strong, 3-ply multi-purpose solution that offers superior absorption and protects hands from heat, dirt and metal scraps. With QuickDry™ technology, the heavy-duty wiping paper is the strongest, most absorbent paper yet from Tork, for more efficient drying with less waste.

The Tork Industrial Low-Lint Cleaning Cloth is extremely low-lint and anti-static, ideal for critical tasks and protecting sensitive surfaces. The silicone-free cloth ensures that there are no residues on a surface. MRO work often requires use of solvents, and when using rags technicians are exposed to high levels of VOC emissions. The Industrial Low-Lint Cleaning Cloth has excellent solvent-use capability, working well with solvents and detergents.

Don't underestimate the value of dispensers – dispensing solutions help to organise the workplace, reduce waste and consumption and eliminates the unaesthetic impression of rags cluttering the production hall.

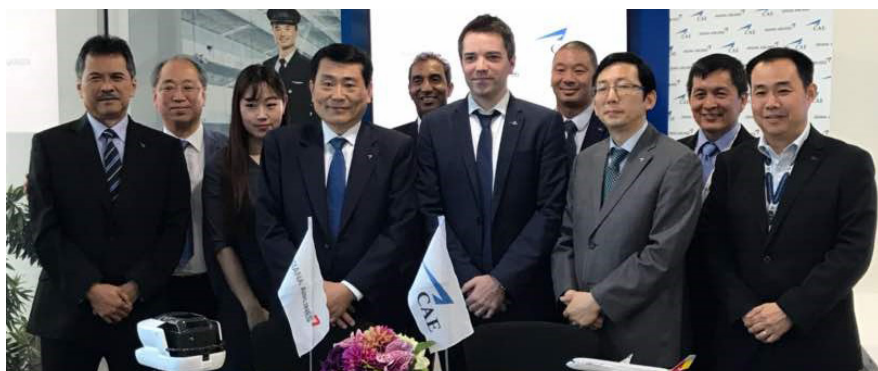
The Tork Folded Wiper and Cloth Dispenser protects sheets from dirt and offers a one-at-a-time dispensing to reduce consumption and waste. The right combination of dispenser and wiper will boost productivity, while reducing your overall cost-in-use. The wall-mounted dispenser saves valuable floor space and is easy to refill.

The Tork Floor Stand Dispenser is developed for safety and stability with its reliable tear-off and easy-load features. The mobile dispenser can be placed where you need it and offers extra-high capability which saves time on refilling.

Using professional cleaning wipes as opposed to rags is proven to enhance hygiene and safety, saving more time and require less storage space. Individuals can work in a smarter and safer way, increasing worker satisfaction as the maintenance task can be completed more quickly, ultimately improving processes in the workplace.



CAE, Asiana Airlines sign exclusive pilot training agreement



CAE has signed an exclusive pilot training agreement with Asiana Airlines to support the airline's growing training needs in the region. Under the terms of the agreement, CAE instructors will be training Asiana's pilots at the airline's training centre in Korea and at CAE Korea for all of its aircraft fleet, including Airbus A320, A330, A350, A380, Boeing 747, 767 and 777. CAE instructors will train pilots following the airline's

standard operating procedures (SOPs), supporting Asiana's Evidence-Based Training (EBT) programme.

"Asiana Airlines is excited to have selected CAE as its training partner of choice," said Kim, EVP of Asiana Airlines. "We are convinced that the combined experience and professionalism of both CAE and Asiana Airlines will provide pilots with the highest training standards and a superior training experience that

will have a positive impact on aviation safety in the industry."

"We are extremely proud to further support our long-time partner Asiana Airlines with the training of its pilots", said Nick Leontidis, CAE's Group President, Civil Aviation Training Solutions. "Delivering world-class training, leveraging the dedication and passion of our experienced instructors is of utmost importance to us. This agreement is a testament to the trust that Asiana Airlines places in CAE and its instructors. We look forward to train Asiana Airlines' pilots long into the future."

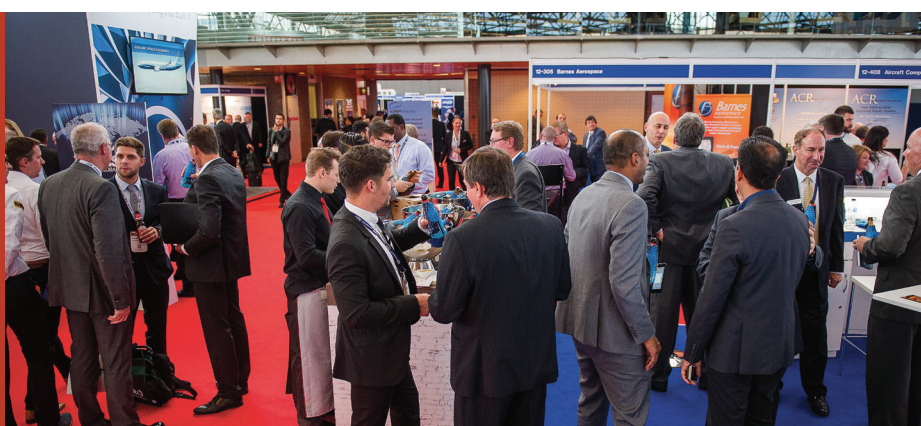
Asiana Airlines and CAE share a long-standing relationship of more than 20 years, with the provision of training equipment services and aviation recruitment services. Besides operating Airbus A320, A350, Boeing 747, 767 and 777 CAE-built full-flight simulators, the airline's pilots have been training at CAE Korea on Airbus A320 and A330 simulators since 2013.

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Generate

\$59 billion in
 engine maintenance

Ural Airlines takes off with Swiss-AS' AMOS



Ural Airlines has selected AMOS, a fully-integrated MRO software solution developed and distributed by Swiss AviationSoftware to replace its M&E legacy system. Ural Airlines becomes the 8th Russian aviation organisation to choose AMOS.

"We are honored about Ural Airlines' decision to go for AMOS, which demonstrates our constant commitment to the Russian market. By implementing AMOS, Ural Airlines' manpower can be

redistributed to focus on more advanced and complex innovation and digitalization projects rather than taking care of an outdated legacy system embedded in a fragmented MRO-IT landscape", states Ronald Schaeuffele, CEO of Swiss-AS.

Ural Airlines will manage with AMOS their own maintenance requirements as an airline while also carrying out considerable 3rd party maintenance activities. The Airline/MRO Edition will bring increased efficiency to Ural

Airlines by providing the tools necessary to precisely manage the planning and execution of aircraft maintenance.

With AMOS being a community product, the standard software AMOS can be adjusted to the individual needs of the airline through hundreds of parameter settings options. The objective is to implement AMOS "as-is", since the software contains the input of a large and active AMOS community and reflects customer requirements and state-of-the-art processes. This approach is the best way to ensure that the implementation will be hitting smooth implementation within time and budget.

"We are a modern dynamically developing Russian airline and we choose only best partners in all spheres which may help us to reach new levels. AMOS is the best IT solution for an airline having its own MRO and we are sure that with its help we will become more efficient. Starting from next year we will begin to operate brand new Airbus A320 and A321 NEO as well as Boeing 737-8 MAX, so for us it is the right time to start our partnership with Swiss-AS," states Igor Poddubnyi, Technical Director of Ural Airlines.

LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B to join EngineStands24 product family

An advertisement for EngineStands24. It features a purple engine stand on wheels. The text reads: "ENGINE STANDS 24 Magnetic MRO", "enginestands24.com", "Remarkable Addition to EngineStands24 Pool:", and "WELCOME LEAP-1A AND LEAP-1B".

EngineStands24, Magnetic MRO's sub-brand providing online solutions for engine stand lease and sales, has signed an agreement with Rhinestahl CTS, the manufacturer of LEAP engine stands. LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engine stands are joining the product family as of Mid-July

2018, with an immediate leasing opportunity through enginestands24.com

"Proving our convenient and efficient operational methods, it is only an organic step to expand our portfolio as well as our partnerships with industry leaders. Therefore, we are pleased to

welcome LEAP engine stands to our family, knowing that it will bring so much additional value both to our clients and partners," stated Daiva Zemaite, Head of EngineStands24. "I am proud to say that, today, EngineStands24 is one of the firsts in the industry, which provides its customers with the possibility to lease a LEAP engine stand in few minutes with utmost convenience."

"For over 50 years, Rhinestahl CTS has provided world-class quality engine stands, tooling and technical services to operators and MROs around the world," stated Rhinestahl CTS' Chief Operating Officer, Alan Oak. "Our LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B stands deliver best-in-class quality that consistently exceed all OEM quality standards. We are happy to work with EngineStands24 to help them provide a one-stop solution for transportation and storage of multiple aerospace engine stands.

StandardAero certifies Honeywell JetWave Ka-band system for Bombardier Global Express, Global 5000 and Global 6000



StandardAero and ACI Jet, a privately owned global aviation services company based in San Luis Obispo, California has recently certified another Honeywell JetWave® Ka-band satellite communication system, completing a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) for installations on Bombardier Global Express, Global 5000 and Global 6000 aircraft.

Honeywell's JetWave system is a popu-

lar offering in-flight connectivity, utilising Ka-band technology to replicate the speed and performance that consumers are accustomed to in their homes. StandardAero's STC provides for installation of the Honeywell JetWave hardware, under a Honeywell Ka radome, along with a Honeywell CNX-900 router. StandardAero partnered with ACI Jet to complete the installation. The STC is now available to all Honeywell dealers.

"StandardAero has invested significantly and become an industry leader in connectivity installations across all types of business aircraft. As with our recently announced STC on Gulfstream aircraft, this new STC provides best-in-class technology and allows us to increase capacity to the market for these critical installations at a time when installation demand is soaring, especially now that the ADS-B mandate is only 18 months away. This means Global operators can upgrade to the highest-bandwidth technology sooner and simultaneously reduce downtime and cost," said Marc Drobny, President of StandardAero Business Aviation.

"All of us at ACI Jet were excited to partner with StandardAero on this ambitious project," noted Dave Jensen, ACI Jet's Vice President of Aircraft Maintenance. "For an installation of this magnitude, where systems throughout the aircraft must communicate with precision over newly-engineered equipment and components, to have a flawless, squawk-free startup and test flight illustrates the level of professionalism and ingenuity that both parties brought to the table."

Bombardier Business Aircraft to offer Head-up Display and Enhanced Vision System option on best-selling Challenger 350 aircraft

Bombardier Business Aircraft will be launching Head-up Display and Enhanced Vision System as an option on its best-selling Challenger 350 business jets. The HUD and EVS will complement the Challenger 350 aircraft's best-in-class baseline offering. These systems will further expand the sophisticated avionics functionalities of the aircraft, such as the powerful Synthetic Vision System (SVS) and sophisticated MultiScan weather radar, to reduce pilot workload and improve overall situational awareness.

"Added to the Challenger 350 aircraft's already well-equipped flight deck, the HUD and EVS option will enhance the pilot's situational awareness to provide passengers with an even smoother flight," said David Coleal, President, Bombardier Business Aircraft. "The Challenger 350 jet leads the market in unit sales, and our commitment to continuously



innovate and elevate this aircraft clearly demonstrates our promise to offer our customers nothing but the finest experience on board the industry's best-selling business jet."

The Challenger 350 jet features the best-equipped cockpit in its class. With the addition of the lightweight HUD, the aircraft will allow pilots to fly eyes forward in all phases of flight, most importantly during takeoff and land-

ing. The flight deck on the Challenger 350 aircraft provides significant flight information onto the HUD's transparent screen. Without needing to look down, pilots can respond with greater speed and precision, while they assess their surroundings at the same time.

For maximum situational awareness in all flight conditions, the HUD is elevated with a powerful enhanced vision system. The advanced EVS camera transmits live infrared imagery from outside the aircraft to the HUD, revealing runway lighting, surrounding terrain and possible obstacles on the runway. The HUD and EVS combination enables pilots to land with greater confidence. The HUD and EVS will be available as an option on new Challenger 350 aircraft orders and can be installed as a retrofit on in-service models in Bombardier's extensive network of service centres.

Lufthansa Group opens new location for its Innovation Hub digitisation unit in Singapore



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Lufthansa Group has opened an offshoot of its Lufthansa Innovation Hub in Singapore. With the new location in Singapore, the company is once again leading the way as the first non-Asian airline group with a digitisation backbone in the Asian-Pacific Travel and Mobility Tech ecosystem.

"Not only are the Asian markets showing particularly dynamic growth in our core businesses, but they are now often also leading the way in digital travel and mobility solutions. With the new locations of the Lufthansa Innovation Hub, we want to learn from the developments in Asia, build specific partnerships in the digital context, and benefit from our experience. We aim to consistently expand our position as an airline group with the world's highest level of digitisation," says Carsten Spohr, Chairman of the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG.

More than ever before, the Asian startup scene is driving a fundamental technological change along the entire travel and mobility chain. This is reflected in a powerful increase in startup and financing dynamics. Last year alone, 55 percent (approximately \$14 billion) of global venture capital invested in travel and mobility tech went to China. There was also an increase in mega-financing rounds, most recently Grab (Singapore, \$1 billion)

and Hellobike (China, \$321 million).

"Singapore is a hotbed for innovation, particularly in the context of urban mobility. Today, we can already see how inner-city mobility will function, be distributed, and consumed in the future. In addition to having some of the most exciting mobility startups, acclaimed local research institutes in the sector are also joining forces. With the new location of Lufthansa Innovation Hub, we want to participate in this important ecosystem and expand the expertise we have developed in Europe," explains Gleb Tritus, Managing Director of the Lufthansa Innovation Hub.

Experts from the Berlin team are currently working on local network expansion, targeted scouting, and partnership initiation. The overarching mission is to exclusively extend key activities of the Lufthansa Innovation Hub Berlin to the Asian region. In terms of perspective, the new digitisation unit is aimed at generating structured insights along the Lufthansa Group value chain, building concrete partnerships and investments, and ultimately developing in-house solutions tailored to local markets.

Besides the Singapore office, the Lufthansa Innovation Hub is opening a new unit in Shenzhen (China) to stay current with the special status of China's technological ecosystem.

Cutter Aviation starts Pilatus maintenance operations in Denver Colorado at Centennial Airport

Cutter Aviation has initiated operations in Denver, Colorado at Centennial Airport (APA). Cutter recently received the Pilatus Sales & Service Center dealership for the region of Southern California, Texas, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. Cutter Denver-Centennial is a Pilatus Authorised Sales & Service Center fully equipped to serve the Pilatus line of aircraft.

"Cutter is proud to be associated with Pilatus, one of the finest aviation names in the world. We are also very excited to make this investment at Centennial Airport and to become a long-term tenant. We look forward to continue providing the highest level of service to the region," said Will Cutter, President and CEO of Cutter Aviation.

Cutter Aviation also provides broad avionics and instruments overhaul and repair services, specialising in custom installations and retrofit systems. Cutter is an authorised avionics service center for all the top equipment manufacturers.

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Elbit Systems launches new Unmanned Aircraft System capable of operating in civilian airspace



Elbit Systems has rolled out the Hermes 900 StarLiner, a powerful and trend setting Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) that features adverse weather capabilities and is fully compliant with NATO's Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4671, qualifying it to be safely integrated into civilian airspace and fly in the same environment with manned aircraft. Concluding an extensive year-long flying schedule, the Hermes 900 StarLiner has been carrying out Civil Aviation Authority certified flights in Masada National Park, Israel. A series of the Hermes 900 StarLiner (known as Hermes 900 HFE in the Swiss programme) is at present being assembled for the Swiss Armed Forces and is scheduled to be delivered and integrated into Switzerland NAS during next year.

Security events, such as the dismantling of ISIS and diverse geo-political tensions, have caused European countries to re-orient defence efforts from involvement in far-away conflicts to coping with intensifying homeland and border security challenges. This shift has resulted in a growing demand for advanced yet mature UAS that can be safely integrated into civilian airspace and provide the technological capabilities that are required to efficiently and safely carry out complex homeland and border security missions. Drawing on the legacy of the widely operational Hermes 900 and Hermes 450 and their proven technologies, Elbit Systems has conducted a broad multi-year R&D effort focusing on producing a ma-

ture UAS that complies with civilian airspace regulations and can be safely integrated into European NAS.

Meeting the strict safety and certification requirements of non-segregated airspace regulations required all the components of Hermes 900 StarLiner to be designed in full compliance with STANAG 4671 and to incorporate the most advanced aviation technologies, including: cooperative and non-cooperative Detect & Avoid Systems, Train Avoidance Warning System, Automatic Take-off and Landing in near zero visibility, redundant broad bandwidth line-of-sight (LOS) and beyond line-of-sight (BLOS) data link and adverse weather capabilities such as de-icing and direct lightning strike sustainment. These technological enhancements allow the aircraft to operate in both visual and instrument meteorological conditions, and its powerful heavy fuel engine provides improved climb rate, extended endurance and higher ceiling and maximum speed.

Elad Aharonson, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Elbit Systems ISTAR Division, commented, "Anticipating the rising security need for operating unmanned aircraft in the same environment with civilian manned aircraft enabled us to achieve this breakthrough. We are committed to maintain our approach of technological innovation based on an extensive operational experience and provide our customers with advanced yet mature systems that enhance effectiveness and safety when coping with the evolving national security needs".

Sabena technics to perform C-130H maintenance checks for French Air Force



Sabena technics, an independent MRO provider offering services to civil and military aircraft operators has been selected by the French Ministry of Defense's Maintenance Service (SIAé), to perform part of the maintenance checks of their fleet of 14 C-130H aircraft.

For four years, Sabena technics will carry out part of the type A and B checks from its Bordeaux site as a subcontractor of the French Air Force's maintenance facility (AIA) of Clermont-Ferrand. The first aircraft is expected this fall.

The French MRO had already received a contract last year for the training of SIAé's C-130H B1 and B2 technicians as well as last January for the provision of initial stock, supply of spare parts and consumables as part of the logistical support of the entire fleet (at the Clermont-Ferrand site and Orléans-Bricy Air Force base).

"We are very proud to have earned the SIAé's trust on this market! This new contract gives us the opportunity to master all the aspects of such a full-support programme and get, thanks to the dedication of all the military and civil actors involved, the highest levels of aircraft availability" says Gilles Foulthier, SVP Military Affairs of Sabena technics.

This new notification reaffirms Sabena technics' know-how in military MRO and strengthens its cooperation with the SIAé on the C130 aircraft.

BAE Systems to move Compass Call electronic warfare system to modern business jet



BAE Systems, a British multinational defence, security, and aerospace company has started work to transition its advanced Compass Call electronic warfare (EW) system from aging EC-130H aircraft to a modern, more capable platform that will significantly enhance mission effectiveness.

This Cross Deck initiative, as it is commonly called, will enable the US Air Force to continue disrupting enemy command and control capabilities in de-

nied environments well into the future.

As the mission system integrator for the programme, BAE Systems is working with L3 Technologies to transition the Compass Call capabilities onto an EC-37B aircraft, a special-mission Gulfstream G550 that meets Air Force requirements. This new platform will provide combatant commanders with better standoff jamming capability and flexibility to counter superior communications and radar threats.

"The Compass Call mission electronics are world-class EW systems that are in high demand from operational commanders because of their electronic attack capabilities and their ability to protect critical missions," said Pamela Potter, director of Electronic Attack Solutions at BAE Systems. "The cross-decking programme enables the Air Force to maintain existing, unmatched EW mission capabilities in an economical business jet that can fly faster, higher, and farther than its predecessor, improving mission effectiveness and survivability."

In 2017, BAE Systems and its partners completed the initial design review of the Compass Call weapon system, and the final design review is planned for this fall. Initial modifications of the first G550 are underway, with the first two aircraft fielded in 2023. A total of 10 new aircraft are planned.

BAE Systems will continue to sustain the electronics for the fleet of EC-130H Compass Call aircraft while it develops, procures, manufactures, and integrates electronics for the new fleet.

US Army Special Operations Aviation Command contracts Boeing for four MH-47G Chinook helicopters



Boeing has secured a \$139.8 million contract to provide four MH-47G Block II Chinook helicopters to the US Army Special Operations Aviation Command.

"The Army uses the MH-47G for some of its most difficult and challenging missions," said Pat Donnelly, director, H-47 Domestic and Foreign Military Sale Programmes. "By incorporating key Block II features we significantly extend the service life, enhance performance, and maintain Chinook's position as the world's preeminent special operations helicopter."

These helicopters mark the start of a Block II production run anticipated to extend into the late 2020s.

The Army has 69 MH-47G Chinook helicopters. Simultaneously with the MH-47G enhancements, Boeing is developing a Block II configuration for the US Army CH-47F Chinook.

Executives In Focus

IFS ropes in Michael Ouissi as CCO, Stephen Keys as Regional President for APJ and ME&A region

IFS AB, a multinational enterprise software company headquartered in Linköping, Sweden has selected Michael Ouissi as Chief Customer Officer (CCO) and Stephen Keys as Regional President of Asia Pacific & Japan, Middle East & Africa. The appointments complete IFS CEO Darren Roos's new leadership team.

Michael Ouissi is IFS's Chief Customer Officer (CCO), a global role that brings together all of the company's customer-facing functions in order to deliver to each customer a globally harmonised, better customer experience and maximum business value from their investment in IFS. As part of this customer value approach, Michael is responsible for IFS's commercial strategy and revenue-generating activities.

Prior to joining IFS, Michael worked for more than a decade at Software AG, where he was most recently a member of the Group Executive Board responsible for Customer Engagement Excellence. Michael has also held positions as financial controller, regional and global commercial director, head of key account management, and regional managing director. Michael is based in Frankfurt, Germany.

"I am very excited to be joining IFS, which is known throughout the IT sector as a customer- and industry-centric vendor with high customer satisfaction ratings, a solid long-term customer base, and a great internal culture," Michael Ouissi said. "I believe that customer centricity is the most important differentiator in today's digital world, in which customers do not look for a product vendor but for someone who can help find a rapid solution to a business requirement—repeatable and at scale. Building on its legacy of great customer engagement, I look forward to working with my new colleagues to make sure we continue to excel at everything we do for our clients."

Stephen Keys has been recruited to the position of Regional President, Asia Pacific and Japan, Middle East & Africa (APJ, ME&A). In this role, Stephen is responsible for growing IFS's presence across the region, which involves building a strong customer base, expanding the company's network of quality partners, and ensuring the IFS workforce remains engaged and focused on delivering customers value. Stephen is also passionate about corporate social responsibility (CSR) and as the executive sponsor on the IFS senior

leadership team, he will work to ensure IFS engages with and remains committed to the local communities where it operates.

Before joining IFS, Stephen was CEO of Sydney-based FTS Group. Prior to FTS Group, Stephen worked for 10 years at Software AG, where he held several leadership positions in sales and consulting in the APJ and ME&A region. Stephen is based in Sydney, Australia.

Stephen Keys commented, "Before joining, I knew IFS as a well-differentiated company with a very clear vision and mission in terms of target market and product offering. I am very pleased to be joining IFS at such an exciting phase in its evolution and I look forward to expanding the company's footprint in this dynamic region."

IFS CEO Darren Roos said, "I am pleased to have one of the strongest management teams in the industry. I am also thrilled to welcome Michael and Stephen to our senior leadership team. In their strategically important roles, they bring extensive experience and unique skill sets that will help us expand our reach and make sure our focus remains on delivering value to the customer."

RUAG board of Directors confirm Dirk Prehn as CEO of RUAG Aerostructures

The Board of Directors of RUAG confirmed the appointment of Dirk Prehn as the new CEO of RUAG Aerostructures and Chairman of the Management Board of RUAG Aerospace Structures GmbH. Dirk Prehn will become a member of the RUAG Group Executive Board succeeding Alexander Toussaint who is leaving the company at his own request.

In his previous function, Dirk Prehn was already a member of the Management Board of the RUAG Aerostructures division. He will head the division and assume the role of Chairman of the management board of RUAG Aerospace Structures GmbH, which employs 1,250

people and has production facilities in Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany), Emmen (Switzerland) and Eger (Hungary).

Dirk Prehn has worked as SVP and Head Programmes & Sales for RUAG Aerostructures since 2015. Before joining RUAG, he was Vice President Sales & Marketing at Premium Aerotec GmbH, an Airbus subsidiary headquartered in Augsburg, Germany. Prior to that, he worked as Head of Programme Management at EADS – Military Air Systems (now the Airbus Group) at its Augsburg location and was responsible for all new programme. Dirk Prehn is a qualified mechanical engineer and has

close to 20 years of experience in the Aerospace and Defence industry. RUAG Aerostructures' responsibilities include the complete worldwide supply chains for the fuselage sections for Airbus and Bombardier. The division is focusing on reinforcing and expanding on its position as a global first-tier supplier, with the aim of achieving profitable growth.

Dirk Prehn
RUAG



MTU Maintenance Zhuhai welcomes Jaap Beijer as General Manager

MTU Maintenance, a joint venture between MTU Aero Engines, Germany's leading aero engine manufacturer, and China Southern Air Holding Company Limited, China's largest airline group has appointed Jaap Beijer as General Manager for Zhuhai. He joins from his role as Senior Vice President Aftermarket IAE AG, following Frank Bodenhage who will be taking on a new role within the MTU Maintenance organisation as a Senior Vice President in Hannover.

"We heartily thank Frank Bodenhage for his six year tenure. In that time, MTU Maintenance Zhuhai has more than doubled in revenue and workload, surpassed the 1,000th shop visit milestone for both the CFM56 and V2500 engine families in which it is specialised, and cemented its position as number one engine MRO provider in China. We wish him every success in his

new role," says Michael Schreyögg, Chief Programme Officer, MTU Aero Engines.

Schreyögg continues, "We are also delighted to welcome Jaap Beijer to the helm of MTU Maintenance Zhuhai. He comes on board at an exciting time. We are currently expanding the facility by 50 percent and want to become the number one engine MRO in the Asian region, where we are already number two by number of shop visits."

MTU Maintenance Zhuhai is located in Zhuhai's free trade zone and benefits from its proximity to Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Macao. Service teams can be dispatched to the customers in the region in no time. The Zhuhai shop has an advanced machinery and performs 80 percent of parts repairs in-house. MTU Maintenance Zhuhai serves customers from China, Asia and globally and has completed over 2,400 shop visits in nearly 17 years

of operation. Besides China Southern, the facility serves over 70 customers, including International Aero Engines, Saudia Airlines and All Nippon Airways, as well as Chinese Shenzhen Airlines, Xiamen Airlines and Hainan Airlines. The company employs a workforce of around 850 qualified professionals.



Jaap Beijer
MTU

West Star Aviation names Scott Sweeney as General Manager of ALN facility

West Star Aviation has appointed Scott Sweeney as the General Manager of its East Alton, (ALN) facility.

Scott began his career in aviation over 30 years ago in the US Navy Air Wing aboard the USS Enterprise. After his time in the Navy, he changed to business aviation, working 25 years with Hawker Beechcraft in various roles including Technician, Supervisor, Sales Manager, Vice President of Global Customer Relations and General Manager. Most recently, Scott held the position of Vice President of Operations at Constant Aviation before accepting the role of General Manager at West Star's East Alton (ALN) facility.

He will be responsible for overseeing all operations at ALN including maintenance, interior, avionics, paint, installations, parts and components, and AOG/MRT. Scott is taking over for Eric Kujawa, who has recently been promoted to VP of Falcon Product Development at West Star Aviation.

"Scott's experience and firsthand knowledge of business aviation in progressive roles will make him very successful as ALN's general manager," said Jeff Curry, Vice President of Operational Efficiency, West Star Aviation. "We are excited to welcome Scott to our team and we look forward to his role in helping our company continue to grow," Curry continued.

"West Star has a genuine employee-focused culture with a relentless dedication to building strong, long-term customer relationships. I look forward to leading the growing team here and maintaining the culture that's made us #1 in the industry," said

Scott Sweeney, General Manager, West Star Aviation.



Scott Sweeney
West Star Aviation

International Events

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation & Corporate Travel Summit 2018	01-02 August 2018	New South Wales, Australia
International Conference on Aerospace and Aerodynamics	02-03 August 2018	Barcelona, Spain
10th Airfield Ground Lighting World Congress 2018	03-06 September 2018	Singapore
IATA Maintenance Cost Conference	19-21 September 2018	Atlanta, USA
The Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD)	19-23 September 2018	Tshwane, South Africa
ERA General Assembly 2018	9-11 October 2018	Edinburg, Scotland
MRO Europe	16-18 October 2018	Amsterdam, Netherlands
NBAA Business Aviation Covention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE)	16-18 October 2018	Orlando, Florida
Florida International Airshow	19-21 October 2018	Punta Gorda, FL, USA
Combat Helicopter	23-25 October 2018	Bucharest, Romania
Commercial Aviation Services Asia-Pacific	06-08 November 2018	Singapore
Dubai Helishow 2018	06-08 November 2018	Dubai South, Dubai, UAE



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