

GDC Technics, Air India sign Letter of Intent to pursue aircraft maintenance & modification services in India



GDC Technics has signed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") with Air India Engineering Services Limited ("AIESL") to form a long-term strategic alliance partnership in order to pursue MRO and modification opportunities for both the country's flag carrier, Air India, and other commercial aircraft throughout the region.

According to the agreement, GDC will offer engineering and certification services while AIESL will provide the labor, equipment and facilities necessary to carry out MRO and modification services in accordance with FAA, EASA and DGCA regulations.

Recently, a GDC Technics RAMS team was

dispatched to India to complete modification work at an AIESL facility. Also, GDC Technics is capable of offering RAMS teams to conduct work at all AIESL facilities throughout India, including the recently completed \$100M Nagpur facility, offering operators and lessors a diverse network of locations across the country to take aircraft for quick turnaround and availability.

The Indian and greater Asia Pacific markets which are ever-expanding provide an opportunity for not only AIESL to grow its already elaborate MRO capabilities to aircraft beyond just the Air India fleet, but also for GDC to expand its offer-

ings for modification and engineering services- including cabin refurbishments, reconfigurations, as well as connectivity and IFE upgrades, complementing GDC Technics's new strategic vision.

"This LOI is the start of a long-term partnership with AIESL to provide customers in the region a wide variety of services to support the expanding fleet of aircraft in the region," said Brad Foreman, CEO of GDC. "AIESL's unmatched workforce, facilities, and attention to quality make them a great partner for GDC, which continues to expand its offerings beyond VIP aircraft to customers in locations around the world."

"GDC's significant engineering and certification experience under both EASA and FAA authorities allows for a great partnership with AIESL, further expanding our ability to service customers with maintenance and modification services in the region, with the quality of workmanship AIESL is known for," said H.R. Jagannath, CEO of AIESL.

This partnership between Air India and GDC Technics has been set up as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Make in India" programme, will be ideally placed to provide maintenance, modifications, and engineering services to this expanding fleet while also creating thousands of job opportunities.



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Rolls-Royce to grow global engine overhaul network



Rolls-Royce will be expanding their global network of engine overhaul services to support growth in fleet of large aero engines. With a fleet of in-service engines forecast to grow from over 4,000 today to approximately 6,500 in the mid-term and even further beyond that the demand for overhaul services will increase over the coming years.

This expansion is planned and comes as the long-term focus of their business moves towards managing the aftermarket potential of the fleet of widebody aircraft engines, following successful expansion over many years. This further expansion of the company's network of engine overhaul facilities also underpins their commitment to reducing the

impact on customers of in-service issues with the Trent 1000.

Part of the Rolls-Royce Deutschland site in Dahlewitz, Germany will convert into an overhaul services hub with the capability of handling widebody engine overhauls. The Rolls-Royce Canada site in Montreal, which currently services business jet engines, will also become a widebody engine overhaul facility.

Dominic Horwood, Rolls-Royce, Civil Aerospace Services Director said, "We are focused on expanding our existing global network to address the growing demand for overhaul services and to provide our customers with even better service solutions both now and into the future."

Triumph, Embraer partner to demonstrate advancements in thermoplastic structures

Embraer and Triumph Group have signed a cooperative agreement to jointly develop and demonstrate the airworthiness of a thermoplastic primary structure in flight.

Triumph Aerospace Structures have been working on developing a thermoplastic elevator assembled using induction welding. The primary detail parts for the elevator structure will be made of unidirectional carbon-reinforced thermoplastic material which is a first for the industry.

Embraer will integrate the thermoplastic elevator structure in an aircraft platform and carry out in-flight tests to demonstrate the technology readiness.

"Triumph has made great progress in the innovation of thermoplastic structure joining," said Dave Dennison, Vice President of Engineering for Triumph Aerospace Structures. "We are excited to demonstrate the major leap in the technical maturity we have developed in large thermoplastic primary structures and induction welding."

"Working with Triumph to achieve a certifiable component has been a rewarding experience. Thermoplastics manufacturing and integration can certainly add value to our products," said Richard S. Oliveira, PhD, Composites Specialist for the Chief Engineering Office, Embraer S.A.

Airbus and China expands long-standing partnership

Airbus and China are growing their long-standing partnership as both sides commit to broadening the cooperation in the aviation industry.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by He Lifeng, Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China and Guillaume Faury, Airbus Chief Executive Officer for the Further Development of Industrial Cooperation. The MoU was signed in the presence of Chinese President Xi Jinping and visiting French

President Emmanuel Macron at Beijing.

According to the MoU, both sides will take practical and effective measures for new initiatives regarding both Airbus single-aisle and widebody aircraft. As a part of Airbus' goal to obtain a global A320 Family production rate of 63 aircraft per month in 2021, the Airbus Tianjin A320 Family Final Assembly Line (FAL Asia) remains on track to ramp up its production to six aircraft per month by the end of 2019, which is a 50 per cent increase compared to its original design.

A350 XWB capabilities will be extended into the Airbus Tianjin wide-body Completion and Delivery Centre (C&DC) from the second half of 2020. The C&DC is slated to deliver its first A350 aircraft by 2021 from Tianjin.

"We attach great importance to our long-term strategic partnership with China and its aviation industry," said Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury. "Airbus is committed to serving this growth sector with the diverse portfolio it has to offer and we are committed to working with our Chinese partners to shape the future of the industry."

Airbus selects twenty-two start-ups for accelerator programme



Twenty-two new start-ups have been selected by Airbus to join its BizLab for the launch of the fifth accelerator programme that will offer a platform to develop previously untouched technologies and ways of working in the aerospace sector.

The acceleration programme will be carried out over a period of six months and during that time the start-ups will get support from an international team of experts from different fields and have access to dedicated coaching staff, networking opportunities and co-working spaces.

The new start-ups are from nine countries around the world and were selected out of 704 applications from 59 countries.

During the selection process, one of the main criteria used were the synergies between the start-up projects and Airbus' sustainability, environment and innovation strategy in the fields of reduction of emissions and alternative propulsion technology, additive manufacturing, data analytics, robotics, smart protection and testing systems and artificial intelligence.

The chosen start-ups will become a part of a unique consolidated global network and be based on one of Airbus' four BizLab campuses; Toulouse (France), Hamburg (Germany), Bangalore (India) and Madrid (Spain).

KLM UK Engineering, West Atlantic UK sign contract extension for airframe maintenance

KLM UK Engineering has extended its airframe heavy maintenance contract with West Atlantic UK Limited on their Boeing 737 Freighter fleet.

"We are delighted that West Atlantic UK Ltd have decided to continue to extend their heavy maintenance contract with KLM UK Engineering, we have been supporting West Atlantic UK Ltd for a number of years and look forward to continuing to work together in the future," said Peter van der Horst, Managing Director.

"Having been a customer of KLM UK Engineering's for a number of years now, we are very pleased to announce the continuation of this working relationship and look forward to our fleet continuing its maintenance programme at the KLM UK Engineering facilities," said Nigel Hiorns, Managing Director West Atlantic UK Ltd.

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StandardAero receives FAA certification of San Antonio RB211-535 Test Cell; now processing engines for multiple customer

StandardAero has obtained FAA approval for acceptance testing of the Rolls-Royce RB211-535 turbofan engine at its maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility in San Antonio, Texas.

Earlier, a test cell correlation effort was undertaken in partnership with the engine manufacturer which marks StandardAero's attainment of full capability on the RB211-535, in support of the life-of-type maintenance services partnership signed with Rolls-Royce in 2018.

According to the partnership agreement, responsibility for RB211-535 in-service support is being moved from Rolls-Royce's Derby, UK location to StandardAero's 810,000 sq. ft. facility in San Antonio.

StandardAero's RB211 team had obtained EASA and FAA certification for engine disassembly, cleaning, inspection, repair, assembly and test, and correlation of the San Antonio facility's RB211 test cells now has engine performance testing to be completed on-site, prior to engine redelivery to customers.

"StandardAero is now delivering on its promise to provide RB211-535 operators with reliable go-forward support for this acclaimed engine family," said Roger Ross, President - Airlines & Fleets. "As a result of the significant investment made by StandardAero in this new capability over the past twenty months, we have now set-up all of our production rate ready work cells, and are continuing to ramp-up inductions following successful customer audits. Thanks to the support of Rolls-Royce, we now have full capability on the RB211-535 to service the needs of the global Boeing 757 operator community over the coming decades."

GA Telesis opens new Taiwan based sales and customer care centre

GA Telesis has opened a new Sales and Customer Care Centre based in Taipei, Taiwan. The newly opened "GA Telesis Taiwan" office will offer localised aircraft and engine parts, services, and support to GAT's increasing customer base in the Asia-Pacific region.

Lynda Cheng, Vice President of Asia Pacific Sales will look into developing business opportunities and growing sales, repairs, leasing, and , operations for commercial aircraft operators in the region.

"Lynda has been instrumental in developing and expanding GAT's reach in the burgeoning Asia-Pacific aftermarket industry, and we are thrilled to have her lead our new team in Taiwan. The introduction of GA Telesis Taiwan with an industry pro like Lynda at its helm is proof of our continued commitment to the region," said Jason Reed, President, GA Telesis Component Solutions Group.

"I am thrilled to accept this role and further develop GAT's service offerings for our Asia-Pacific customers. My main focus at GA Telesis Taiwan will be to provide an unparalleled level of customer support that has not been seen before in the region," said Lynda Cheng. "We have great expectations for this market and are confident that our proven industry expertise and fully integrated support solutions will ensure our customers' success."

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Bye Aerospace, Oxis Energy partner to increase the endurance of future Bye Aerospace eAircraft

Bye Aerospace and OXIS Energy have started a 12-month collaborative programme that seeks to attain a 50 per cent to 100 per cent increase in flight time from a single charge on future Bye Aerospace eAircraft.

OXIS has come up with an innovative Lithium Sulfur (Li-S) battery technology that will significantly benefit aviation markets. When compared to the current Li-ion battery systems technology, the high gravimetric energy density of the OXIS technology - in excess of 500 Wh/kg at 20Ah capacity - offers a two-fold reduction in battery system weight which results in a significant increase in flight duration.

In the beginning, the programme will test OXIS cells and modules against the performance characteristics of existing and soon-to-be-announced Bye Aerospace aircraft. This will produce data that will demonstrate the advantages of the OXIS Li-S technology to the aerospace sector and more specifically, to Bye Aerospace's future aviation applications.

"We believe this collaboration will offer Bye Aerospace the confidence that OXIS Li-S systems will deliver the battery technology that meets the demanding performance and quality required to increase the efficiencies of their future electric aircraft. OXIS is focusing its research and development on the transformation of piston and turbo prop aircraft that is required for regional flight transportation. We believe this to be the first phase in the electrification of commercial aircraft and will ultimately form the basis for the electrification of Air Taxis, with the additional requirement for regional aircraft," said OXIS CEO, Huw Hampson-Jones. "The United States has an impressive tradition of aviators who understand the need to experiment and embark on the deployment of new innovative technology, thus effecting a seismic paradigm shift in the powering of aircraft from using lead based fossil fuels to Li-S battery systems that are free of any toxic pollutants. As a consequence of the significant extension of aircraft flight duration, both companies believe this will allow for the widespread adoption of electric aircraft across the skies of the United States."


Magnetic MRO painted first ATR72 into a brand new SAS livery

Magnetic MRO has painted first ATR72 into a new SAS livery at the Magnetic MRO dedicated paint hangar in Tallinn.

SAS had launched a brand new visual identity just a month ago for the first time in 21 years and revealed a new design for its aircraft exterior. The new livery is a modern take on classic Scandinavian design and is made to highlight the future of SAS.


Rihards Priedkalns, Magnetic MRO's Aircraft Paintshop Manager said, "To create this special livery, 15 professional painters worked 1200 hours and used 250 litres of different primers and paint. SAS logos and engines are painted in MICA effect colour, giving nice effect in the sun."







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AJW Group forms new joint venture with Greavia Limited

AJW Group has formed a new joint venture with Hong Kong-based, Greavia Limited to help drive its growth in China.

The joint venture, which will be called AJW Greavia Limited, will enable AJW Group to better serve the booming Chinese aviation market.

Randeep Grewal, the retiring Chairman of AJW London will be leading the new joint venture and will focus on strategic commercial aviation opportunities with selected Chinese partners.

"I have worked with the senior team to identify regions that present opportunities for growth. During this time, we have focused acutely on the Chinese market - one we believe is a key driver of the aviation industry and for AJW's future operations," said Randeep Grewal, Chairman of AJW Greavia Limited "With the formation of AJW Greavia, we look forward to playing a more active role in the Chinese marketplace."

"Randeep Grewal, as the leader of Greran Group, is a highly experienced and trusted partner of our business," said Christopher Whiteside, President and CEO of AJW Group. "Having worked together for many years, I have every confidence that together, we will develop business opportunities for AJW Group in the Chinese region."

Sabena technics carries out its first B787 C- Check

Sabena technics has signed an agreement with Air Europa to carry out base maintenance operations on two of their Boeing 787-8.

Sabena technics has successfully completed the C-Check on the first aircraft on-time. The second aircraft has also reached at Sabena technics' premises in Bordeaux (France).

"Our teams handled this project with great enthusiasm, hard work and dedication and made sure to put safety and quality first," said Philippe Rochet, CEO of Sabena technics. "We are thrilled to have Air Europa as our launching customer for base maintenance checks on the Dreamliner aircraft and look forward to increasing our B787 capability".

Sabena technics has also been providing Air Europa with airframe solutions for their fleet of A330s for the past two years.

"We at Air Europa are greatly impressed with Sabena technics' performance completing this first B787 C-check on time. A fluent co-operation between both our teams has also contributed to reach this goal. We remain fully confident with Sabena technics for future projects", said Alberto Lines, Maintenance & Engineering Director of Air Europa.



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Airbus and its partners reveal details of new Eurofighter ECR concept



Airbus and its partners introduced for the first time concrete details of the new Eurofighter electronic combat role (ECR) concept at the International Fighter Conference in Berlin.

This role will widen Eurofighter's

multi-role capabilities and further increase the survivability of coalition forces in hostile environments.

Collaborative electronic warfare capabilities are necessary for future combined air operations.

Initial Eurofighter ECR capability will be available by 2026 and will be followed by further development steps and full integration into the future combat air system (FCAS) ecosystems.

Eurofighter ECR will be able to offer passive emitter location as well as active jamming of threats, and will offer a variety of modular configurations for electronic attack (EA) and suppression/destruction of enemy air defence (SEAD/DEAD). Latest national escort jammer technology will make sure national control over features such as mission data and data analysis. The concept also has a new twin-seat cockpit configuration with a multi-function panoramic touch display and a dedicated mission cockpit for the rear-seat.

Eurofighter is the backbone of German air defence. With over 600 aircraft under contract and a workforce of 100,000 it is the largest collaborative defence programme in Europe to date.

GA-ASI to carry out a series of capability demonstrations in Europe



General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) has joined hands with the Hellenic Air Force (HAF) in Greece to conduct a series of demonstration flights for European countries in December. Flights will base out of the HAF's site in Larissa and use a GA-ASI MQ-9 Guardian RPA to showcase maritime surveillance capabilities, as well as a GA-ASI-developed Detect and Avoid (DAA)

system that permits RPA to fly safely in civil airspace alongside manned aircraft.

"We appreciate the HAF's support in helping showcase the maritime surveillance and civil airspace integration capabilities of our unmanned aircraft in Europe," said Linden Blue, CEO, GA-ASI. "The demand for affordable, long-endurance airborne surveillance of the seas surrounding Europe is growing."

ADFTA contracts Northrop Grumman to deliver tactical data link systems and training

Northrop Grumman Corporation has received a contract by the Australian Defence Force Tactical Data Link Authority (ADFTA) to deliver tactical data link (TDL) systems and training as part of the development of the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) Joint Data Network.

ADFTA makes certain TDL-functionality to achieve single, joint and combined TDL interoperability for the ADF.

"Northrop Grumman has extensive experience in networking and tactical data links across multi-domain forces, and a robust capability roadmap that will deliver increasingly enhanced data link technology in the years ahead," said Chris Deeble, chief executive, Northrop Grumman Australia. "The Northrop Grumman engineers that delivered the F-35 Multifunction Advanced Data Link and communications, navigation and identification technologies will now be developing the ADF's future TDL technology."

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We all want simplified solutions in life, for anything even remotely complex that comes our way. iBASEt does just that. They provide simplified solution to complex manufacturing challenges. Not just that, these software solutions are built specifically for discrete complex manufacturing. In an exclusive interview with **Swati.k, John Simmons**, MRO Product Manager at iBASEt speaks about the specific features about their latest MRO software which sets it apart from the competition, his take on the MRO markets, the looming problem of cyber-security and much more... READ ON!

Q – Can you tell our readers some of the specific features of the latest MRO software iBASEt? How does it set it apart from the rest of the available software solutions?

A – The iBASEt MRO solution is highly effective in simplifying the execution of complex MRO operations. Unlike other offerings, iBASEt is adept in handling “One to Many” relationships with a centrally managed solution that accelerates the decision making, planning and execution of complex sustainment operations. Strength of the iBASEt MRO solution is that it can simplify how organizations manage unexpected customer demands, last minute engineering changes, and new configuration requirements. The iBASEt MRO solution provides the necessary visibility and

agility to easily manage and track both standard and non-routine activities while streamlining these tasks, helping to simplify what would traditionally be a complex set of MRO processes. As an example, an iBASEt customer automated the process of creating FAA 8130 certifications for repair parts that reduced the time to complete this task from 40 hours down to one.

Q – iBASEt develops solutions for the most complex manufacturing challenges. Can you tell us your experience with one of the toughest challenges that you had to face and how did you tackle it?

A – Paper-based tracking of all maintenance activities is difficult, inefficient and error prone. Without a digital system it is tough to know the history

and genealogy of every part, process or product. Further, trying to perform this task and access all the critical information quickly when working remotely, in an “offline” mode, can be time consuming, frustrating and complex. We’ve helped several customers establish this type of reliable and secure environment that works anywhere.

Q – As digitization is taking over the aviation MRO industry, the threat of cyber-attack looms large. Do you think the industry is equipped to tackle this problem?

A – Maintaining the highest level of security is hardly anything new to the aviation MRO industry. As the migration to digital solutions progresses, there has been an acute focus on restricting

access to and securing sensitive digital data. To that end, cybersecurity is an inherent component to every aviation industry solution due to the highly competitive nature of the products built and maintained. Ironically, digital MRO solutions might actually be more secure than paper-based ones, given the limited means to physically secure paper records that are distributed across a wide area of operations.

Q – The traceability factor in Aerospace & Defense is extremely crucial and Solumina provides strong control and visibility from cradle to grave. Can you explain us very briefly the working of Solumina?

A – The iBASEt MRO solution provides a complete and accurate history of As-built and As-maintained records, expediting the process to obtain regulatory certificates and pass mandatory audits. By establishing digital continu-

ity from cradle to grave, iBASEt MRO eliminates manual processes that rely on spreadsheets and disparate digital systems. This way data is automatically captured, stored and managed across the entire production processes and the extended supply chain to provide a full history of operations. Electronic signatures validate every process, which then becomes part of the traceability history. iBASEt MRO tracks every part down to the serial level to enable greater control to maintain traceability and serialization for every component, resulting in fast and cost-effective compliance.

Q – Q - The rapidly growing aviation industry is putting the Asian MRO markets up for grabs and India is predicted to be the 3rd largest aviation market in next decade. Your views...

A – This observation is in alignment with what iBASEt is also seeing in the

market. Despite the challenging political environment between China and the US, increasing income levels by the middle class has prompted new demand for travel and thereby greater consumption for avionics products.

Q - How do you see the future of MRO industry in coming years? Is the impending global economic crisis likely to affect the MRO industry?

A – Economic crises tend to place greater demand to sustain existing products. Budget to purchase new product is often deferred or delayed. In these types of scenarios, look to see an increased investment in digital MRO solutions that takes advantage of new technologies such as the digital twin to simulate and predict when future repairs should be made. This type of modeling activity is likely to deliver enough interest to warrant continued investment.

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Conrad Chun joins Boeing as VP Communications for Commercial Airplanes Business

Boeing has appointed Conrad Chun as Vice President of Communications for Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Chun will be reporting directly to Anne Toulouse, Senior Vice President of Communications and Stan Deal, President and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Most recently, Chun was the Vice President of Communications for Boeing Global Services where oversaw media relations, employee and executive communications, digital communications, government and customer relations, and product and services marketing communications in support of Boeing's fastest-growing business unit.

Chun also served as director of Communications for Global Services & Support and Boeing Military Aircraft, both of which were divisions of Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

"Stan and I are confident in Conrad's abilities to help us prepare to safely return the 737 MAX to service and continue to drive progress across our commercial airplanes business," said Anne Toulouse.



DAES Group appoints Jeffrey Long as Director of Capital Equipment Americas

Jeffrey Long has been appointed as the new Director of Capital Equipment Americas by the DAES Group of Companies.

"We are thrilled to have Jeffrey in this executive role. His aviation experience and expertise, as well as his strong leadership skills, will help him to achieve our aggressive growth targets in this segment," stated Juerg Bartlome, The DAES Group CEO.

In this new role, Jeffrey Long will be responsible for executing the strategic growth plan designed for the Americas market, develop new business programmes, and lead communications with DAES's business partners and key customers to strengthen business relationships and strategic alliances. Also, Long will evaluate the DAES product and services portfolio to ensure each customer receives the best possible support.

"I am very pleased to join an exceptional company with an impressive customer base. I look forward to adding value and building on the company's past successes with a view toward continued and sustainable growth," said Jeffrey Long, DAES Group Director of Capital Equipment Americas.

John Knudsen of Bye Aerospace joins GAMA Board

John Knudsen, a member of the General Counsel for Bye Aerospace, has joined the Board of Directors of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA).

With an experience of 40 years in aviation legal and corporate, a combination of FAA, private and corporate General Counsel practice Knudsen is an expert in his field. He has been working for Bye Aerospace for seven years and manages FAA certification and compliance, corporate legal matters, and insurance and risk management.

"John has been an industry leader for decades, and we welcome his industry and regulatory expertise to our board," said Pete Bunce, President and CEO of GAMA.

Knudsen thanked GAMA's leadership and Board of Directors for the opportunity. "It is an honour to serve GAMA's members and represent general aviation's electric propulsion interests," said John Knudsen.

George E. Bye, CEO of Bye Aerospace said, "John will capably represent Bye Aerospace and all electric propulsion associate members on the GAMA Board of Directors, especially as we continue to proceed forward with FAA certification for our eFlyer 2 aircraft. He is one of the early members on GAMA's Electric Propulsion and Innovation Committee (EPIC), which supports electric aviation and has important policy connections to the FAA."



Michael Pearson named General Manager - Americas by B&H Worldwide

B&H Worldwide has appointed Michael Pearson to the newly created position of General Manager - Americas to further strengthen its international senior management team. He will report to Gary Wilson the Group Managing Director of the company.

In his new role, Pearson will offer additional support across the B&H Worldwide US operation and he will work closely with the company's Miami office whose team will report directly to him.

He will be based at the company's Los Angeles office from where he is tasked to develop America's market for B&H Worldwide and driving its growth plans in the USA.

Pearson's market knowledge and skills in time-critical logistics and leadership has been developed throughout his career while holding executive positions in both operations and sales within the time-critical logistics and aerospace sector.

Gary Wilson, Group Managing Director said, "We are delighted to welcome such an experienced individual as Michael on board. His extensive experience of this highly specialised industry will be invaluable as we look to expand our presence and grow our business across the Americas."

Kevin Langford joins ExpressJet Airlines as Vice President of Human Resources



ExpressJet Airlines has appointed Kevin Langford as Vice President of the company's Human Resources division. In this new role, Langford will be responsible for talent acquisition, employee relations, corporate communications and compensation and benefits administration.

Langford has more than 18 years of progressive Human Resources and Labor Relations experience in both corporate and field locations, primarily in the oil and gas and manufacturing industries.

"We are in the midst of tremendous activity - in 2020 we will hire the equivalent of 25 per cent of our staff," said Chairman and CEO Subodh Karnik. "Kevin's broad background and experience will benefit ExpressJet as we seek to excel as a United Express partner."

James Young joins HNTB as Senior Program Manager & Vice President

HNTB Corporation has appointed James Young as Senior Program Manager and Vice President. He will be based in the firm's New York City office.

Young is currently working on the \$15 billion John F. Kennedy Airport redevelopment programme in Queens. The JFK redevelopment programme is the largest public-private aviation terminal effort in the nation and will provide a unified, interconnected world-class airport with improved road and mass-transit access.

"Globally recognised for his leadership and programme management expertise, Jim has led aviation terminal modernisation and redevelopment projects at some of the largest airports in the world," said Stephen Dilts, New York office leader and Senior Vice President. "With his leadership, and in partnership with the New York and New Jersey Port Authority, air travelers from across the world will experience an airport facility rivaling those of any other airport in the world."

BAE Systems names Caitlin Hayden as Senior Vice President of Communications



BAE Systems has appointed Caitlin Hayden as Vice President of Communications. In this new role, she will be responsible for leading the company's external and internal communications activities in support of key business campaigns, community investment and employee engagement. Caitlin will be reporting to Tom Arseneault, President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of BAE Systems.

"With her national security expertise and extensive communications experience, Caitlin is well-positioned to drive the global narrative around our broad portfolio of innovative products and services," said Tom Arseneault, BAE Systems, Inc. President and COO. "Caitlin will be a key voice on our senior leadership team as we support our aerospace and defence customers around the world."

Previously, Caitlin has worked for the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) as Vice President of Communications. She led the organisation's outreach and communications functions, working with AIA member companies, including BAE Systems, to tell the aerospace and defence industry's story in the US and globally. Before joining AIA, Caitlin worked at Edelman, where she was Executive Vice President and media group director in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Alaska Air Group appoints Ben Minicucci, Gary Beck & Joe Sprague to leadership positions

Alaska Air Group has named Ben Minicucci as President of Alaska, Gary Beck as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Alaska and Joe Sprague as President of Horizon.

"Together, these talented executives bring more than four decades of expertise working across a wide variety of divisions at Air Group," said Brad Tilden, chairman and CEO of Alaska Air Group. "We've doubled in size in just the past five years. Their experience and leadership abilities will be crucial as we continue to grow and navigate new opportunities and challenges."

In this new role, Minicucci will look after both operations and commercial functions, and will execute on the company's strategic plan including a focus

on Alaska's network, flight schedule, sales, revenue management, safety and operations, marketing and real estate.

"These new responsibilities are a natural step forward for Ben," said Tilden. "He is driven to succeed, and committed to getting it right - whether it's maintaining a strong safety record, improving our operational performance, or making sure our guests have a great experience."

As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Beck will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations on the ground and in the air. He will report directly to Minicucci.

"We're fortunate to welcome Gary back to Alaska. He's a proven, trusted leader with decades of airline experi-

ence who will be dedicated solely to our operational safety and success as we grow Alaska," said Minicucci. "Gary's commitment to safety and to people - along with his energy - will be an asset as we continue to build on our foundation of operational rigor."

Joe Sprague has been selected as the new president of Horizon. He will report directly to Tilden.

"Joe has a passion for Air Group and for the airline industry," said Tilden. "He has a great respect for all the accomplishments being made by Horizon and its employees, and a well-grounded appreciation of the importance of Horizon's partnership with Alaska to provide outstanding service to all of our guests."

Eric Segura joins ATR as SVP procurement & supply chain

Eric Segura has been appointed as SVP Procurement and Supply Chain of ATR. Eric will be reporting to Stefano Bortoli, the CEO and will join the ATR Executive Committee.

With over 30 years in key positions within the Airbus group, Eric brings additional, comprehensive knowledge of the global aviation ecosystem to ATR.

Stefano Bortoli, ATR, CEO said, "We are very proud to have Eric joining the ATR team. His in-depth industry knowledge and strong expertise in procurement and the supply chain combined with a leadership style that fits the agile ATR culture and values, will help us put in place ATR's strategy of continuous product improvement and innovation and contribute to preparing the future".

Eric continued "I am excited to have joined a company which is both a global leader and "into life", connecting millions of people in all places around the world in a responsible and efficient way. In my new role I look forward to extend the purpose of ATR to the wider partner network and build an exciting future for the ATR turboprop."

Southwest Airlines appoints Whitney Eichinger as Managing Director of Culture & Engagement

Southwest Airlines has appointed Whitney Eichinger as new Managing Director of Culture & Engagement.

Eichinger will be the in-charge of Southwest's enterprise support of the airline's iconic Culture, along with the roadmaps for the Employee Experience and Employee Insights.

Southwest's Senior Vice President & Chief Communications Officer, Linda Rutherford will be Eichinger's reporting head.

Previously, Eichinger worked at Southwest where she spent 15 years in the Communication & Outreach Department.

"The expanded Culture & Engagement function will work to ensure that we know our Employees well, and that we are providing relevant and engaging programmes and events to serve our more than 60,000 strong workforce," said Linda Rutherford, Senior Vice President & Chief Communications Officer, Southwest. "The airline industry is a dynamic one, and we're at a point as we approach our 50th anniversary where our workforce is more diverse than ever and we want to continue to nurture our Culture to scale as we grow."

AJW Group appoints Martin Broadhurst as Non - Executive Director

AJW Group has named Martin Broadhurst as Non-Executive Director. In this new role, Broadhurst will be responsible for diversification into new markets, predominantly defence, due to his proven track record of growing international organisations and expanding their capabilities.

Broadhurst has more than 15 years of experience running a large engineering organisation, with a total of over three decades' of experience in the international aerospace and defence sectors.

Previously, Broadhurst was the Chief Executive and Group director at Marshall Aerospace and Marshall of Cambridge, respectively, for fourteen years. He was subsequently chair of the Beagle Technology Group.

Christopher Whiteside, President and CEO of AJW Group said, "We are welcoming Martin during a period of expansion for AJW Group. As we branch out into the business jet and defence sectors within the industry, his track-record of delivering international growth in new markets will be instrumental to our success."

International Events

MRO EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	VENUE
06-07 Feb 2020	3rd Aerospace & Defence MRO South Asia Summit 2020	New Delhi, India
24-26 Feb 2020	MRO Middle East 2020	DWTC, Dubai
10-11 Mar 2020	MRO Russia & CIS 2020	World Trade Center, Moscow, Russia
10-12 Mar 2020	MRO Australasia 2020	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

AIRSHOWS		
DATE	EVENT	VENUE
17-21 Nov 2019	Dubai Airshow	DWC, Dubai, UAE
11-16 Feb 2020	Singapore Airshow	Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore
13-17 May 2020	ILA Berlin	ExpoCenter Airport, Germany
20-24 July 2020	Farnborough International Airshow 2020	Farnborough, England
08-10 Dec 2020	MEBAA Show 2020	DWC, Dubai Airshow Site

OTHER AVIATION EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	VENUE
04 - 05 Dec 2019	Airport Solutions Indonesia 2019	Convention center in Central Jakarta, Indonesia
27- 29 Jan 2020	Global Investment in Aviation Summit(GIAS)	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
18 - 19 Feb 2020	Aviation Festival Asia 2020	Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore
04 - 05 Mar 2020	1st Korea Aero Summit 2020	Seoul, South Korea
10 - 12 Mar 2020	World ATM Congress 2020	Madrid, Spain
12 - 14 Mar 2020	ATCA Technical Symposium	Atlantic city, NJ, New Jersey, USA
21- 23 April 2020	Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition (ABACE)	Shanghai, China

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