AFI KLM E&M Confirms Dreamliner Position

Kenya Airways signs contract for component support for its new Boeing 787s

Paris, Amstelveen, 26 March 2014 – Kenya Airways has selected AFI KLM E&M to provide component support services for a total of nine Boeing 787 Dreamliners currently on order and scheduled for delivery between March 2014 and end-2015. Billed power by the hour, the contract also includes pool access and a Main Base Kit pre-positioned at the client’s Nairobi base.

Extensive partnership
This latest agreement highlights the Kenyan airline’s trust in AFI KLM E&M service quality and adaptiveness, as the MRO has already been entrusted with several support roles for the Kenyan carrier, namely for the CF6-80C2 engines powering its Boeing 767s, the APUs of its 737 Next Generation and 777 aircraft, plus componentservice for its 737 Present Generation aircraft.

Increased presence
Ton Dortmans, Executive Vice President KLM Engineering & Maintenance said: “This new agreement with Kenya Airways testifies to the maturity and competitiveness of our 787 components offering – a promising product we decided to commit to at a very early stage in order to assist operating airlines as soon as they took delivery of their aircraft.”

Fabrice Defrance, Senior Vice President Commercial AFI KLM E&M, added: “we are thankful towards Kenya Airways for their confidence in our expertise. As an airline-MRO, our Group has a lot to offer to airlines looking to reap the most of the growing market in Africa”.

Dr. Titus N. Naikuni, Group Managing Director & CEO of Kenya Airways said: “AFI KLM E&M had already shown its know-how in the past with respect to the maintenance of our components and engines, and has given us complete satisfaction. Logically, therefore, we chose this MRO as our fleet is expanding and gearing up to take delivery of a new aircraft type.”

About Kenya Airways
Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to over 60 destinations worldwide, 40 of which are in Africa and carries over three million passengers annually. It continues to modernize its fleet with its 45 aircraft fleet being one of the most modern in Africa. The on-board service is renowned and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide-body aircraft is consistently voted among the world’s top 10. In 2010, it scooped top awards at the Africa Investor (Ai) Tourism Investor Awards and was declared the Business Airline of the Year in Africa. Kenya Airways takes pride for being in the fore front of connecting Africa to the world and the World to Africa through its hub at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. www.kenya-airways.com

About AFI KLM E&M
Air France Industries and KLM Engineering & Maintenance, which joined forces following the AIR FRANCE KLM merger, are major multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) providers. With a joint workforce of over 14,000, AFI KLM E&M offers comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to engine overhaul, aero structure and FTR support, as well as the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. AFI KLM E&M supports almost 1,300 aircraft operated by 150 major international and domestic airlines. www.afiklmem.com or mobile.afiklmem.com

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