
Further success for Air France Industries KLM Engineering and Maintenance

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Air France Industries KLM Engineering and Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) has picked up a number of new contracts in the run-up to the AIX fair in April, where it will be exhibiting at booth 6C60.

In a recent announcement, low-cost airline Transavia has extended its next-generation 737 component services contract with AFI KLM E&M.

The airline's long-term next-generation 737 rotatable components maintenance and pooling services agreement is dedicated to its Amsterdam-based fleet. The agreement comes under the component services program (CSP) jointly operated by AFI KLM E&M and Boeing as the optimum response to the specific requirements of next-generation 737 aircraft fleets.

The contract covers component maintenance and flexible availability solutions, including the management of components (part numbers) under a flight hour rate. All Transavia fleets are supported by AFI KLM E&M under the 737 CSP program.

Arnold Boot, Director Purchasing and Logistics of Transavia, said: "The decision to extend the contract was fairly simple, considering AFI KLM E&M's adaptability to Transavia's requirements and good partnership. AFI KLM E&M proved over the past years to be a very reliable partner, enabling us to meet our operational targets by delivering an excellent performance. Its flexibility, in combination with lowering our maintenance cost for the coming years, was the basis for our decision. We are looking forward to continue our good partnership relation with AFI KLM E&M in order to optimize the operational performance of our growing next-generation 737 fleet."

In 2015, Boeing and AFI KLM E&M renewed their component maintenance program for 737 fleets. The partnership has also been extended to cover the 737 MAX, which is scheduled for entry into service in 2017.

Fabrice Defrance, Senior Vice President Commercial at AFI KLM E&M, said: "This program is one of the key strengths in our component support offering. Launched in 2005 with around 50 aircraft, it currently supports 500 and should reach 600 in 2017 due to the growth of existing contracts. AFI KLM E&M and Boeing have committed to this program long-term, with its proven benefits for client fleets."

To date, 20 airlines on every continent have opted for the 737 CSP, which provides fast-track access to the 737 components pool.

In other news announced this month (March), Reunion-based airline Air Austral has stepped up its partnership with AFI KLM E&M, adding the B787 to its portfolio.

Air Austral has signed a wide-ranging contract for the two Boeing 787 aircraft scheduled to enter its fleet in spring 2016. The agreement includes component support, engineering and maintenance control services (MCS) components, plus light and line maintenance services. AFI KLM E&M will

support the airline's Reunion-based teams locally to bring the two aircraft into service.

Under the contract, AFI KLM E&M, the world leader for 787 component maintenance, will provide support for the all-composite new-generation aircraft.

In a third announcement made in March, Air Corsica and AFI KLM E&M have signed a long-term contract covering component support for the five A320s operated by the Corsican regional carrier. The agreement includes provision of a main base kit, pool access, and flight-hour component repairs.

AFI KLM E&M and Air Corsica have already worked together on several occasions, and most recently on support for an A320 leased from Air France.