Air France-KLM and Airbus partners on Airbus A350 component support



Air France-KLM and Airbus are to create a 50-50 joint venture to support Airbus A350 component maintenance services

<u>Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance</u> and <u>Airbus</u> have entered into exclusive negotiations to establish a joint venture for the provision on a worldwide basis of Airbus A350 component maintenance services. This includes supply chain management, repairs, and the creation of a worldwide pool of aircraft components.

The joint venture is intended to be operational by the first half of 2024 in line with all compliance requirements and subject to approval by all relevant authorities.

"This project aims to bring customers the best expertise of our two companies on a product as hightech as the A350. We will be able to better respond to the needs of the market, and to guarantee the satisfaction of our customers over the long term, with support solutions that are always responsive, of high quality and at the right price," commented Anne Brachet, Executive Vice President Air France-KLM Engineering & Maintenance.

"We're in the business of offering the very best service to our customers, and as the world's A350 fleet grows, so does the necessary support. Air France-KLM Engineering & Maintenance and Airbus have a long-standing relationship and pooling our complementary A350 component skills and capabilities will deliver an enhanced service," added Cristina Aguilar, Senior Vice President Customer Services at Airbus.