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Sunwing Airlines Extends Boeing 737-800 Component Contract with AFI KLM E&M

Paris, Amstelveen, 13 April 2011 – Sunwing has renewed its 737-800 component support contract with AFI KLM E&M for a further six years. The agreement is part of the Next-Generation 737 Component Services Program (CSP) operated in partnership with The Boeing Company.

Fast-track component access

In addition to full component repair and overhaul, AFI KLM E&M will provide access to the spares pool and also provide deployment of a locally placed Main Base kit of spare parts at Sunwing's designated location in Toronto. These solutions enable Sunwing to reduce repair and storage costs and offer a guaranteed fast-track component supply for their six aircraft.

Peter de Swert, KLM Engineering & Maintenance Executive Vice President said: "We are delighted to continue our relationship with Sunwing which has become a privileged partner. The contract renewal is a strong sign of the trust the airline places in us and of the good relationship forged between the two groups."

AFI KLM E&M is Boeing's exclusive partner for providing Next-Generation 737 component support worldwide, and is also a key operator of the 737-800 in Europe as well as maintaining an extensive fleet of over 200 of such aircraft.

Satisfaction and trust

Satisfaction on AFI KLM E&M's quality of performance and service during the past five years was a decisive swing factor for Sunwing Airlines. The two companies forged excellent relationships at every level during that period. Mark Williams, President of Sunwing Airlines, said: "AFI KLM E&M has proven its support and I am very happy to continue our excellent relationship". Marek Grzesiowski, Vice President of Maintenance & Engineering at Sunwing Airlines, added, "Based upon AFI KLM E&M's proven service levels, quality and flexibility we have chosen to renew our existing contract."

About Sunwing Airlines

A subsidiary of the Sunwing Travel Group, Canadian carrier Sunwing Airlines was set up in 2005 to operate scheduled and charter flights. From its hubs at Toronto International Airport and Montreal International Airport, it serves a network of 63 destinations in Canada, the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

About AFI KLM E&M

Air France Industries and KLM Engineering & Maintenance, which joined forces following the Air France KLM merger, are world-leading multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) providers with a joint workforce of over 14,000, offering comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to engine overhaul, as well as the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. AFI KLM E&M supports more than 1,230 aircraft operated by 150 major international airlines.

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