



AMES DELIVERS ITS FIRST REPAIRED THRUST REVERSER

Aerostructures Middle East Services (AMES) delivers its first C-Duct Trent 700 to the Bahrain national airline, Gulf Air, after repair and overhaul.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 23 August 2010 - Having only very recently been EASA Part 145* certified, AMES has already received its first order for repairing a complete thrust reverser. The joint venture between Aircelle (Safran group) and Air France Industries KLM E&M has thus taken an important step in positioning itself in the market for the maintenance and repair of nacelles in the Middle East.

Gulf Air Director of Engineering and Airworthiness Mr. Jamal Hashim said, *"We chose AMES because besides being an EASA Part 145 approved organisation, it has the required expertise to meet our requirements and has combined the reputation and know-how of a recognised MRO in AFI KLM E&M, and the technological expertise of an OEM, in Aircelle"*.

AMES General Manager Antoine Succar said *"AMES' teams are very proud of the confidence placed in them by Gulf Air which is this year celebrating its 60 years of existence."*

*"AMES has complied with the requirements of Gulf Air and met its commitments in terms of both TAT** and responsiveness"*, continued François Vitti, the AMES Manager of Operations and Customer Support

The many negotiations under way with the airlines in the region could come to fruition in the near future. In parallel, AMES is continuing to prepare for this ramp-up in output by developing its industrial resources.

The Middle East based company provides a wide range of services for the maintenance of engine nacelles for CFM International, General Electric, Pratt & Whitney and Rolls-Royce.

AMES was set up to provide Middle East customers with local support for the maintenance of their fleets of commercial aircraft including Airbus A320s, A330s, A340-500/-600s, A380s, Boeing 777s and Embraer ERJ170s.

* The EASA Part 145 certification, issued by the European Aviation Safety Agency, certifies a repair station's ability to maintain and repair aircraft and aircraft equipment.

** TAT, Turn Around Time, refers to the repair time between the part being received in the workshop and being sent back repaired.



About Ames (Website: <http://www.ames-fzco.ae>)

A joint venture set up by AFI KLM E&M and Aircelle Safran Group, AMES is an essential player in the market for engine nacelle overhaul and maintenance.

Located in Dubai, at the operational core of key Middle East airlines, AMES offers the combined know-how of a leading MRO and OEM, delivering highly-effective, rapid-response aircraft maintenance solutions.

About Gulf Air (Website: www.gulfair.com)

Founded in 1950, Gulf Air is the proud national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain. As a pioneering airline in the Middle East region with sixty years of experience and expertise in flying people across continents, Gulf Air is today one of the most powerful brands and a name to reckon with in the global aviation industry.

One of the prime objectives of Gulf Air is to connect Bahrain to the Middle East countries and the rest of the world. As such the airline currently operates the largest network in the Middle East. The airline's current network stretches from Europe to Asia, connecting 43 cities in 28 countries, with a fleet of 36 aircraft.

Gulf Air is the Official Airline and Sponsor of the '2010 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix' and the London-based football club 'Queens Park Rangers'.

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