



Franck Turner appointed President of Air France Industries

Paris, Amstelveen, 01 February 2010 - Franck Turner is taking over from Alain Bassil at the helm of the European carrier's aircraft maintenance arm. Alain Bassil himself has taken up extended duties as Chief Operating Officer at Air France.

As a result of organizational changes at Air France which came into force on 1 January 2010, Franck Turner has been appointed President of Air France Industries, effective 1 February 2010.

He takes over from Alain Bassil, who has been appointed Chief Operating Officer, and who will now oversee Flight Operations, Ground Operations and Overhaul and Maintenance Operations at Air France. Alain Bassil will continue to represent the Maintenance business line on the Air France Executive Committee and the AIR FRANCE KLM Group Executive Committee.

Franck Turner, 49, is a graduate of the École Nationale Supérieure Électronique et Application (ENSEA), and the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM) engineering schools, and of the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (IAE), a Paris business administration institute.

Extensive MRO sector experience

Franck Turner joined Air France in 1988 as a production engineer on the Concorde program, before successively heading Scheduling and Planning at the Maintenance Division, running production in the on-board component repair shop, heading up Concorde maintenance, then the Orly Light Maintenance facility and then running the Air France medium-haul fleet maintenance department. In 2002, he was appointed Head of Aircraft Maintenance at the carrier Regional. In 2007, he became Executive Vice-President, Operations and Support at Regional, now an Air France subsidiary, before his appointment there as Chief Operating Officer in 2008.

About AFI KLM E&M

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