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Libyan Airlines Signs With AFI KLM E&M

Working with Air France Consulting, the MRO is helping return the company's aircraft, damaged during the recent Libyan hostilities, to revenue service.

Paris, Amstelveen, 21 December 2011 - In a first for the two groups, Libyan Airlines and AFI KLM E&M have signed a long-term contract covering component support (pool access and repairs) and maintenance checks for the Libyan carrier's A320 and ATR 42-500 fleets.

Expertise and a local presence

AFI KLM E&M's expertise on the A320 product and its many years' operational presence in the region convinced Libyan Airlines to sign this contract covering component support and maintenance checks for its seven A320-200s (three on order) and two ATR 42-500s. Following the recent fighting in Libya, AFI KLM E&M and Air France Consulting have provided expertise and assistance to return damaged Libyan Airlines aircraft to service.

Flight Captain Khaled Taynaz, CEO of Libyan Airlines, emphasized "AFI KLM E&M's presence in Libya for several years, which encouraged us to sign this contract, after a period of negotiations, to support our Airbus and ATR aircraft."

Fabrice Defrance, Senior Vice President Commercial AFI KLM E&M, said: "We are extremely satisfied with the signing of this contract which highlights our leadership position on the A320 product, at the same time as it allows us to expand our ATR client base."

The arrival of two aircraft in Toulouse is an important step towards the operational implementation of this contract, which received the decisive support of the French Government.

About Libyan Airlines

Libyan Airlines is Libya's national flag-carrier. It was founded in 1964 as "Kingdom of Libya Airlines", becoming "Libyan Arab Airlines" in 1969. From its hub at Tripoli international Airport, Libyan Airlines serves a number of domestic and international destinations, notably in Egypt and Tunisia.

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 close to 1,300 aircraft operated by 150 major international airlines.

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