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Romain Helmer Appointed Managing Director Of EPCOR



Former head of KLM E&M's B.737 Maintenance unit will take over from Paul Chün as Managing Director of AFI KLM E&M's subsidiary EPCOR.

Paris, Amstelveen, 01 February 2012 – After four years heading up KLM E&M's B.737 Maintenance unit, Romain Helmer has taken up his new position as Managing Director at EPCOR, the AFI KLM E&M subsidiary specializing in the repair and maintenance of pneumatic systems and Auxiliary Power Units (APUs). He takes over from Paul Chün, now Managing Director of another entity of the AFI KLM E&M global MRO network, KLM UK Engineering Limited.

Significant aviation experience

A graduate of Holland's Delft University of Technology, Romain Helmer started out in 1989 as a quality manager in KLM's aerial cartography subsidiary, KLM Aerocarto. He joined KLM E&M in 1996 as a business analyst specializing in the development of aircraft maintenance applications. He then filled a series of other positions within line and base maintenance. After two years in E&M engine shop, he returned to aircraft maintenance. He also contributed to developing AFI KLM E&M's B.737 maintenance strategy. Since 2008, he had been in charge of B.737 base maintenance.

About AFI KLM E&M and EPCOR

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 almost 1,300 aircraft operated by 150 major international airlines.

EPCOR is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KLM Engineering & Maintenance, part of the AIR FRANCE KLM group, holding EASA, CAAC, CAAV and FAR 145 certification. Within the group EPCOR provides MRO support for the APUs and pneumatic systems of a wide range of commercial aircraft. EPCOR maintains APUs on B737NG, B777, A320, A330, A340 and the latest addition the APS2300 for the Embraer 170/190 aircraft. EPCOR is also an OEM warranty approved Honeywell and Hamilton Sundstrand Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) repair center. Besides the APU capability EPCOR also maintains and overhauls air cycle machines, environmental control systems, starters, leading-edge flap drive units and many other pneumatic components installed on large commercial aircraft.

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