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Alitalia Chooses AFI KLM E&M for 777 Engine and Component Support

Italian carrier signed a long-term GE90 maintenance and support contract for its whole fleet of Boeing 777 aircraft and also extends its 777 component support with Air France Industries for the similar period.

Paris, Amstelveen, 12 April 2011 – Alitalia is now one of AFI KLM E&M's biggest GE 90 customers. The engine contract includes support services with access to the spare engines pool and engine shop visits on a Time & Material basis. The component flight-hour support contract is provided by AFI KLM E&M and Boeing under their 777 Component Services Program (CSP) partnership.

Privileged relationship set to continue

In 2002 Alitalia signed its first 777-200ER component support contract with AFI KLM E&M. The engine contract extends a working partnership which began in 2010 when AFI KLM E&M purchased four spare GE90 engines from Alitalia and carried out a general overhaul on five Alitalia engines. During a 12-month period Alitalia was introduced to AFI KLM E&M's quality approach, information and recommendations of its engineering team that lead to tangible cost reduction initiatives. Franck Turner, AFI KLM E&M Executive Vice President, said: "We are delighted to be further strengthening our relationship with Alitalia through the extension of these contracts".

Expanded capabilities and competitive pricing

AFI KLM E&M brings airlines its extensive operational expertise, logistic capabilities and state-of-the-art engineering solutions for GE90 engine maintenance, making it a relevant alternative to the OEM's solutions. The 777 Component Services Program – offered by AFI KLM E&M and Boeing Commercial Aviation Services – is a unique, dedicated program that allows airlines to permanently benefit from fast-track access to essential, operational parts. With this contract, Alitalia also has access to a solution that significantly reduces its initial investment in spare parts and supply costs. Since it was launched, 777 CSP is airlines' preferred program of this type. AFI KLM E&M and Boeing also provide a similar program for Next-Generation 737s.

About Alitalia

Alitalia - Compagnia Aerea Italiana started operations in January 2009, following the acquisition of assets from Alitalia - Linee Aeree Italiane, and of Air One. Today Alitalia is Italy's leading airline, serving 23.4 million passengers (in 2010) with its 149 aircrafts fleet across a network of 92 destinations. In 2010 Alitalia positioned Air One as a low fares, yet high quality carrier operating from the Milan Malpensa airport. Alitalia is a member of the SkyTeam alliance. Further information is available on www.alitalia.com

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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