



Fabrice Defrance appointed AFI KLM E&M Head of Industrial Commercial and Business Development

Paris, Amstelveen, 03 December 2009 – Until now, in charge of Engineering and AF Operational Aircraft Maintenance within Air France Industries, Fabrice Defrance is taking over from Bruno Delile as AFI KLM E&M Senior Vice President, Commercial and Business Development.

Extensive track record in Maintenance

Fabrice Defrance joined Air France at the very start of his career and worked in the Air France Fleet Management department. His preference for aircraft maintenance, however, soon took him to Air France Industries. Over a number of very enriching years he has covered aircraft maintenance from every angle. An aviation enthusiast, he has served in a number of positions in Air France's aircraft maintenance arm, most recently heading major overhauls for B747s, followed by a stint in the Europe/North America Sales department from 1997 to 2002 and latterly in the Air France Industries Engineering and AF Operational Aircraft Maintenance department, which handles a fleet of around 260 long-haul and medium-haul passenger aircraft and freighters.

As he takes the helm at the AFI KLM E&M Commercial and Business Development department, Fabrice Defrance will concentrate the full range of the broad-based experience he has acquired over the past decade and more on developing joint business operations at AFI KLM E&M, which generated turnover of 974 million euros in IATA 2008-09.

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 staff, offering comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to Engine overhaul and the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. Together they support more than 1,230 aircraft and serve upwards of 150 major international airlines.

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