



## **AFI KLM E&M Selected by Air Canada for GE90 Engine Maintenance**

**Paris, Amstelveen, 22 July 2010 - AFI KLM E&M announces that it has been selected by Air Canada for maintenance support of the airline's General Electric model GE90-110/115 engines that power its fleet of 18 Boeing B777-200LR and-300ER aircraft. The exclusive contract covers a wide scope of adaptive maintenance solutions from on-site / on-wing operations to shop visits, engine components, spare engine support and engine engineering over a period of 12 years.**

### **Long Term Relationship**

Air Canada knows AFI KLM E&M support and MRO services well. Without a GE90 engine maintenance provider with the necessary facilities in Canada, the airline has regularly used AFI KLM E&M's services for its GE90s since 2008. Mr Alan Butterfield, Vice President Air Canada Maintenance & Engineering says: "Over the past two years, Air France Industries has demonstrated its capability to adapt to the demands of Air Canada, including shop visits, AOG assistance and on-wing support".

### **The Credible Alternative to the Manufacturer**

Leveraging its experience of supporting its own fleet, AFI KLM E&M has proved since the beginning of its relationship with Air Canada, that its services offer a credible alternative to the OEMs. Air France Industries is developing specific processes, repairs and tooling to face the challenges encountered with the GE90-110/115 engines. Thus, Air Canada will benefit from the solutions developed by AFI KLM E&M to repair engines on-wing and to reduce down-time of engines in the shop.

### **Competitive Pricing**

Fabrice Defrance, Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance SVP Commercial and Business Development, highlights: *"We are honoured to have been chosen by Air Canada. We did our best to reach their expectations. Thanks to our technical and industrial expertise as well as our repair development plan, we were able to offer a particularly competitive maintenance cost. By virtue of this long term contract, Air Canada can plan its costs over a longer period"*.



### **About Air Canada**

Air Canada is the largest full-service airline in Canada for domestic, U.S. transborder and international flights, and provides scheduled and charter air transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 170 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the worldwide commercial aviation sector and carries 31 million passengers per year.

### **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 and the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. Together they support more than 1,230 aircraft operated by 150 major international airlines.

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