



AFI KLM E&M and ART announce engine disassembly joint venture

Paris, Amstelveen, 23 January 2009 - Air France Industries (AFI), KLM Engineering & Maintenance (KLM E&M) and Aviation Repair Technologies Services (ART) today announced the formation of an engine disassembly joint venture named Turbine Support International (TSI). The Air France-KLM Group is majority shareholder in TSI based at ART's facilities at the Arkansas Aeroplex in Blytheville.

TSI disassembles, inspects and repairs engine parts from CF6-50, CF6-80 and CFM-56 engines. The recertified parts will be used to support engine repair activities for the AIR FRANCE KLM fleet and for other third party airlines and lessors. By directly sourcing surplus parts from engines, TSI will support AFI KLM E&M customers' demands for low cost parts with short lead times while meeting the highest standards of service quality by combining ART's state-of-the-art facilities and efficient maintenance systems with AFI KLM E&M's market-leading technological expertise.

"ART is pleased to partner with AFI KLM E&M, one of the world's largest engine repair providers, on this creative venture that further expands ART's product line and provides a critical solution for the requirements of the engine repair industry," said Ben Quevedo, chairman of ART.

"TSI constitutes an excellent means of guaranteeing top-quality engine parts required by our engine shops at the best price possible. The joint venture also forms part of our expansion into the United States market and our continuous efforts to invest in engine repairs," said Bruno Delile, AFI KLM E&M Senior Vice President Business Development.



About ART

Aviation Repair Technologies Services is an airside service company with more than 300 employees nationwide. The company offers a variety of aircraft cleaning and maintenance services such as line maintenance, A-, B-, C-Checks, engine changes, cargo handling and aircraft cleaning at more than 30 airports across the United States.

About AFI KLM E&M

Air France Industries 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 15,000, offering comprehensive repair capability, integration expertise, component pool operational support and a powerful logistics network. Together they support more than 900 aircraft and serve upwards of 150 major international airlines.

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