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AFI KLM E&M And Afriqiyah Airways Resume Cooperation

The Libyan flag-carrier has renewed its trust in AFI KLM E&M after a hiatus in their contract of over 12 months due to political events.

Paris, Amstelveen, 21 December 2011 - The 2008 contract between AFI KLM E&M and Afriqiyah Airways has been reactivated following an amendment signed in November this year. The agreement still involves pool access and component repairs for the Libyan carrier's A320 and A330 fleets. The contract includes the maintenance checks on these same aircraft.

Trust-based relationship

The cooperation between the two groups has been in place for several years. In addition to component support for its 14-strong fleet of A319s and A320s, and for its two A330s, Afriqiyah Airways had already made use of AFI KLM E&M services in 2007 for assembly line oversight of its first two A320s during construction in Toulouse.

Satisfaction with the services on offer prior to the Libyan conflict, plus the special ties between the two companies, are now being continued, therefore, with the reactivation and extension of the contract originally signed in 2008.

Rammah Ettir, CEO of Afriqiyah Airways, said he was "delighted with the resumption of relations with AFI KLM E&M, which reflects the continuation of the choice we made in 2008."

AFI KLM E&M support

Afriqiyah Airways aircraft parked at Tripoli International Airport were damaged during the hostilities. The expertise delivered by Air France Consulting personnel, combined with the technical support of AFI KLM E&M, will contribute to the rapid return to service of the aircraft, to enable Afriqiyah Airways to resume operations as soon as possible.

Fabrice Defrance, Senior Vice President Commercial AFI KLM E&M, said: "AFI KLM E&M is honored to have been able to support Afriqiyah Airways during these difficult times and to have been able to help the airline resume flight operations."

About Afriqiyah Airways

Founded in 2001 and headquartered in Tripoli, Afriqiyah Airways is a Libyan airline wholly-owned by the Libyan government. From its hub at Tripoli International Airport it serves several dozen destinations in Africa, Asia and Europe.

About AFI KLM E&M

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