

Press release

Liebherr and Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance forge key partnership

Liebherr-Aerospace and Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance signed a 5-year Heat Exchanger Maintenance Services Agreement for the Air France KLM Group's A320ceo/neo and A220 fleet as well as for the aircraft fleet supported by the French / Dutch MRO Provider.

Barcelona, Amstelveen, Paris, October 2024 – Liebherr-Aerospace and Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance, one of the world's leading providers of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, have signed a Heat Exchanger Maintenance Services Agreement at MRO Europe 2024 in Barcelona (Spain).

Over the next 5 years, Liebherr-Aerospace will provide re-coring services for Air France KLM Group aircraft portfolio heat exchangers. The re-coring includes the replacement of the matrix and will take place at the workshops of Liebherr-Aerospace's center of competence for air management systems in Toulouse (France).

The agreement will take effect immediately and will cover the ongoing maintenance needs of the Airbus A320ceo/neo and A220 heat exchanger products of the Air France KLM Group's aircraft portfolio and that of its customers. By leveraging Liebherr-Aerospace's specialized expertise, the partnership aims to optimize maintenance turnaround times and ensure the continued airworthiness of the fleet.

"This collaboration with Liebherr-Aerospace aligns with our mission to enhance maintenance efficiency and aircraft performance," stated Robert Pruijm, Vice-President Procurement Engineering & Maintenance at Air France KLM Group. "We look forward to working closely together to ensure the highest levels of service for our fleet and our customers."

"This agreement reflects the solid, long-term partnership built between our two companies based on Liebherr's quality, performance and competitiveness in the field of heat exchangers. The sharing of our know-how will enable Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance to provide high-performance maintenance services while optimizing return-to-service times. Operators will benefit from our OEM expertise and years of experience in servicing the equipment," commented Alex Vlieland, Chief Customer Officer at Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS.

About Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation

Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, headquartered in Toulouse (France), is one of 13 product segments of the Liebherr Group and a first-tier provider of on-board solutions in the aerospace and transportation industry, contributing to a more sustainable transport through innovative products, best in class services and performance excellence.

The aerospace product portfolio offered to civil and defense customers includes environmental control and thermal management systems, flight control and actuation systems, landing gears as well as on-board electronics. For rail vehicles of all kinds Liebherr offers heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, passive and active hydraulic systems for braking, damping, axle steering and levelling. Furthermore, Liebherr serves the commercial vehicle market with trailer cooling systems.

About the Liebherr Group – 75 years of moving forward

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product programme. The company is one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world. It also provides high-quality, user-oriented products and services in a wide range of other areas. The Liebherr Group includes over 150 companies across all continents. In 2023, it employed more than 50,000 staff and achieved combined revenues of over 14 billion euros. Liebherr was founded by Hans Liebherr in 1949 in the southern German town of Kirchdorf an der Iller. Since then, the employees have been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers. Under the slogan '75 years of moving forward', the Group celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2024.

About AFI KLM E&M

Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance is a major multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) provider. With a workforce of over 12,800, AFI KLM E&M offers comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to engine overhaul, aero structure, and fan thrust reverser support, as well as the management, repair, and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. AFI KLM E&M supports almost 3,000 aircraft operated by 200 major international and domestic airlines.

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