

AFI KLM E&M and Philippine Airlines strengthen partnership with key developments in Engine Support

AFI KLM E&M and Philippine Airlines (PAL) proudly announce advancements in their partnership, enhancing fleet maintenance and efficiency

Paris, Amstelveen, Manila, 25th of September 2024 – Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) and Philippine Airlines (PAL) are pleased to announce significant advancements in their ongoing collaboration, further enhancing PAL's fleet maintenance capabilities and operational efficiency.

Continuing their commitment to delivering innovative and efficient maintenance solutions, AFI KLM E&M and Philippine Airlines have successfully executed the first "On-Wing" Fan Module Swap of a CFM56-5B engine at the PAL Express Hangar. This milestone marks a significant achievement in on-site support collaboration and showcases the advanced capabilities of AFI KLM E&M's engineering solutions. The operation was facilitated by a specially customized mobile crane, designed to meet the specific requirements of the fan module swap without the need for engine removal. This on-wing maintenance approach significantly reduces aircraft downtime, ensuring that PAL's fleet remains operational with minimal disruption.

"We welcome this collaboration as part of Philippine Airlines' commitment to ensure the highest standards of safety and reliability for our fleet," stated **Alvin Limquenco, Senior Vice President & Chief Supply Chain Officer at Philippine Airlines**. *"We look forward to working with our long-standing partner AFI-KLM E&M in realizing increased efficiency and operational value that will benefit our customers and the flying public whom we aim to serve safely and well."*

"We are thrilled to have partnered with Philippine Airlines on this pioneering project," commented **Tommaso Auriemma, Vice President Sales Asia-Pacific Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance**. *"Our on-wing maintenance capabilities demonstrate our dedication to providing tailored solutions that enhance efficiency and reduce operational costs for our clients."*

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About Philippine Airlines

Philippine Airlines (PAL) is the Philippines' flag carrier and only full-service network airline, as well as the first commercial airline in Asia. PAL's fleet of Boeing, Airbus, and De Havilland aircraft operate scheduled nonstop flights out of hubs in Manila, Cebu, Clark, and Davao to 32 destinations in the Philippines and 36 destinations in Asia, North America, Australia, and the Middle East. Known for its hallmark heartwarming and gracious Filipino service, PAL also supports the global economy through air cargo and charter services, while serving the travel needs of overseas Filipinos as well as businesspeople, tourists and families from all over the world.

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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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