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Aero Norway celebrates 25 years of engine MRO for CFM56 series underpinned by industry leading EGT margins

Orlando, Fl., April 25th 2017: Norway-based engine MRO facility <u>Aero Norway AS</u> celebrates 25 years supporting CFM56-3, CFM56-5B and CFM56-7B engines. This remarkably successful engine family has set the standard for single-aisle commercial jet engines owing to its exceptional reliability and performance with more than 30,000 engines delivered to date powering more than 550 operators worldwide.

Aero Norway's repair accreditation was renewed again this year and it is testimony to the organisation's focus on continuous improvement that marks them as a leading independent engine MRO for future decades to come.

Glenford Marston, General Manager of Aero Norway, is justifiably proud of the facility's achievement and equally clear where the credit lays for the continued growth of the business. "Aero Norway's success can be attributed 100% to the spirit and precision of the dedicated technicians and engineers. Their unequivocal pursuit of industry-recognised EGT margins reduces costs and improves reliability - the greater the EGT margin achieved, the healthier the engine. So from a commercial perspective Aero Norway's customers' engines will last longer on wing, and the engine components, especially in the hot section, will remain in better condition."



Glenford Marston, General Manager – Aero Norway with Tom Raugstad, Mechanic Level 3, who has worked with CFM56 engines at the facility for 25 years

Such measurable performance, up to 15% higher than industry standard, has been the catalyst behind Aero Norway's decision to move to a shift work programme to increase its engineering capacity as the rate of engine inductions at the facility continues to grow. Marston continues: "Over the next few months our skilled and experienced engineers will supervise the training of ten new apprentices as the Company reinforces its commitment to knowledge sharing and deepening the expertise and certification of its internal resource pool."

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Aero Norway needs to increase its workforce, he says, because the services model that CFM has staked its reputation on for decades is underpinned by independent engine MROs like Aero Norway and usage of the CFM56 series engines shows no signs of waning. The global operator base is extensive because the CFM56-5B is the engine choice of the ubiquitous A320 family due to its high reliability and durability which is further enhanced by the exceptional EGT margins that Aero Norway can deliver; and the CFM56-7B, which is exclusively powering the Boeing 737 NG family, makes it the most popular engine combination in commercial aviation.

The Aero Norway engine centre is multi-release FAA, EASA, TCCA, GCAA and CAAC certified and this broadens their global scope, appealing to operators and lessors seeking the flexibility of an independent engine MRO that can align itself to *their* requirements.

Highly motivated, engineering teams delivering precision perfect engines and working round the clock go some way to explaining what it is that makes Aero Norway's approach so appealing, but there's no-one better than Tom Raugstad, Mechanic Level 3, who has been part of the engineering team for the past 25 years to summarise the unique spirit. "I believe it's all down to the Norwegian character. We are resolute people. Independent, practical and self-sufficient, we enjoy solving tasks together and are very down to earth" he says with conviction. "We know precisely what we need to do and how to do it well – but we are also open-minded and embrace change. The CFM56 engine is the beating heart of Aero Norway and our technicians are the best heart surgeons in the world."

Aero Norway AS is an authorised CFM repair station based in Stavanger Airport, Sola, Norway with the capacity for 120 engines per year. The modern facility was designed specifically to provide MRO services for CFM56® engine variants and is fully equipped with all the necessary equipment to provide high quality maintenance services with industry recognised EGT margins for CFM56-3, CFM56-5B and CFM56-7B engines. Aero Norway AS purchased the Norway Engine Centre from Pratt & Whitney in 2013 and offers a full range of engine MRO services: engine repair & overhaul; maintenance & repairs; engine test cell runs; full restoration; back shop parts repair; engine investigation; special customer requests; and non-destructive testing & diagnostics. Visit www.aeronorway.no

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