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Stavanger city bridge and The Norwegian Petroleum Museum.
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Aero Norway gears up for engine MRO community

Ahead of the Aero Engines Europe event hosted by Aero Norway in Stavanger in December, **Kjetil Galta**, Contract and Engine Leasing Manager tells us what to expect as the industry prepares to connect in the Norwegian oil capital.

For all of us at Aero Norway, the Aero Engines Europe event has been long awaited as initially the plan had been for us to host the 2020 event which was postponed due to COVID. We are proud of our people, region and facility and are very much looking forward to the opportunity being able to showcase them all.

The Sola region has a long association with aviation going back to 1914 when Trygve Gran was the first to fly across the North Sea from Cruden Bay in Scotland, to Revtangen, Norway – 20km from where we are now based. Shortly after, King Haakon VII opened Stavanger Airport and in 1952 Ludvig G. Braathen founded Braathen's SAFE on the site of our current facility. There has been an

engine MRO based here ever since. In 1990 Braathen's established a CFM56-3 repair station, and the CFM56 engine series remains our focus to this day. Aero Norway as we know it now know it is an amalgamation of the many faces of engine MRO that have occupied this facility from 1952 onwards.

Aero Norway's engine shop is streamlined for maximum workflow efficiency and lean processes. Our knowledgeable engineers and highly skilled technicians pursue quality and precision with a single-minded ambition – to be the best, and the most competitive. We are renowned throughout the industry for the consistent delivery of exceptional EGT

margins. During the course of the last eighteen months, we have taken the opportunity to upgrade the facility and have replaced and upgraded our plasma spraying machine which offers increased efficiency as well as multiple thermal spray processes in one system including plasma spray and HVOF (High Velocity Oxygen Fuel). In addition, we look forward to showcasing all of our inhouse capabilities such as NDT (Non-destructive testing), borescope blending and inspection, machining, welding and CMM measuring. We are also particularly proud of our state-of-the-art high-speed grinder. This involved an investment of \$1.5 million and it allows us to grind the rotor blade tips whilst they are being

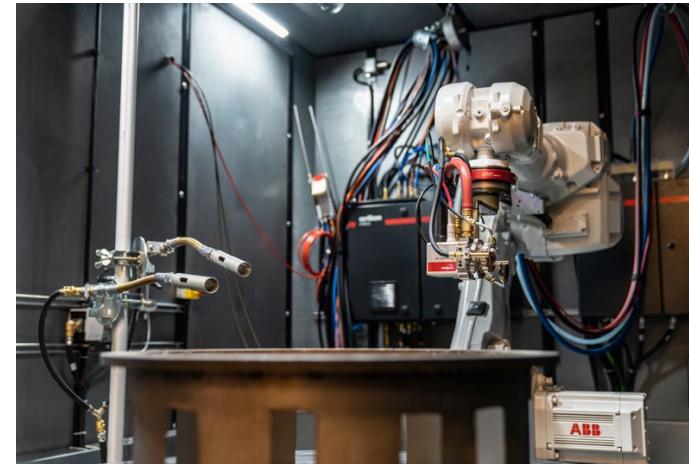
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spun at high speed. This presents the blades to the grinding wheel as they would be if they were in operation. We pride ourselves on being at the forefront of engine MRO and the purchase of this machine ensures that we can offer the highest degree of accuracy possible with current technologies on blade tip grinding.

Although our tooling enables us to have a greater level of efficiency and therefore reduced turn-around-times, the beating heart behind the success of our facility has, and always will be, our people. We are immensely proud of our teams who are the unsung heroes of our endeavours; without their dedication, loyalty and support, Aero Norway would not be what it is today. The Aero Engines event will allow people who would normally be behind the scenes to be the face of the Company.

During the event we will be hosting a hospitality event on a boat which will take the delegates on a tour of the spectacular Norwegian fjords. There are more than 1000 fjords in Norway and this excursion will give a glimpse of the true rugged beauty of this country as well as indulging in our famous Norwegian hospitality. For many, this will be the first physical event in over a year, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Stavanger.



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