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Aero Norway appoints Kenneth Johnston to LEAP Program Manager

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Kenneth Johnston, LEAP Program Manager

Stavanger, October 16th 2024: [Aero Norway](#), the specialist CFM56® engine MRO facility, has appointed Kenneth Johnston as LEAP Program Manager to gear up for new capabilities integration. He will be responsible for promoting Aero Norway's LEAP capabilities and implementing the organisation's readiness plan for LEAP repairs.

Johnston explains what attracted him to the role "The LEAP engine, is one of the most advanced and widely used aircraft engines in the industry, powering popular aircraft like the Boeing 737 MAX and the Airbus A320neo. By offering services for the LEAP engine, Aero Norway reinforces itself as a key player in the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) market for modern, high-demand aircraft. Handling LEAP engines requires advanced technological capabilities and expertise. By successfully incorporating LEAP into our portfolio, Aero Norway demonstrates our ability to work with cutting-edge technology, enhancing our reputation as a highly skilled and reliable MRO provider.

"Overall, having LEAP in our portfolio significantly enhances Aero Norway's competitive positioning, opens new revenue streams, and aligns the company with the future of aviation technology."

Aero Norway is poised to make a significant investment in specialised equipment and has undergone a comprehensive process to obtain approvals to offer LEAP MRO services. This process involved close collaboration with the OEM, extensive training and certification of personnel, facility upgrades, and rigorous regulatory oversight. LEAP engines typically require a team of dedicated specialists due to their advanced technology and Aero Norway's approach ensures that tasks are carried out efficiently, safely, and in compliance with all regulatory requirements.

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Successfully navigating the introduction of LEAP services will position Aero Norway as a leader in the advanced engine MRO sector, supporting its customers with the growing demand for these services in the global aviation market. Many airlines and operators who are currently operating CFM56 engines are transitioning to the LEAP models, especially on new aircraft such as the 737MAX and A320 neo.

The facility will be handling both CFM56 and LEAP engines, without increasing the shop footprint. The design allows for flexibility, enabling it to adapt to the varying demands of servicing these two different engine types and this hybrid approach will be the most effective for Aero Norway's customers that operate both types.

As the industry moves towards more sustainable practices, Aero Norway's expertise in engine MRO will be essential in adapting to new engine technologies and ensuring they operate efficiently throughout their lifespan. This alignment of maintenance excellence with environmental goals is crucial for the aviation industry to meet the demands of a growing travelling population while also addressing the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions.

Johnston goes on to say that the future of aircraft engines is poised for significant advancements. "The industry is increasingly focused on developing and implementing greener technologies, such as more efficient engine designs, alternative fuels, and hybrid-electric propulsion systems. In this context, MRO organisations like Aero Norway play a critical role. By extending the life and improving the efficiency of existing engines through precise maintenance and innovative repair techniques, MROs contribute to lowering overall emissions. For instance, regular maintenance ensures engines operate at peak efficiency, consuming less fuel and emitting fewer pollutants. Additionally, by refurbishing and upgrading engines with the latest eco-friendly technologies, Aero Norway can help airlines reduce their carbon footprint without needing to replace entire fleets."

With a career spanning 28 years in the aviation industry, Johnston's previous roles at Aero Norway which focused on driving innovation and leading teams have honed his skills for the new role. "I feel well-prepared," he says. "My passion for the aviation industry, proven track record, and specific experience which covers strategic thinking, problem-solving and technical skills, makes me a great fit for this position. I'm excited about the opportunity to make a significant impact."

Aero Norway AS is an authorised CFM and LEAP repair station based in Stavanger Airport, Sola, Norway. The modern facility was designed specifically to provide MRO services for CFM56® engine variants and is fully equipped to provide high quality maintenance services with industry recognised EGT margins for CFM56-3, CFM56-5B and CFM56-7B engines. With the addition of LEAP engines, Aero Norway 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. Aero Norway is multi-release FAA, EASA, TCCA, CAAC, GCAA, DGCA, ECAA and ANAC Brazil certified. Visit www.aeronorway.no