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Ethiopian Airlines MRO Achieves CFM Leap-1B Engine Testing Capability

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Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's largest airline group and the largest MRO operator, has proudly inaugurated its CFM Leap-1B engine test cell at Addis Ababa MRO Services facility which gives Ethiopian the full testing capability of Leap-1B engine, an exclusive powerplant for Boeing's new-generation 737 MAX single-aisle jet.

Regarding the capacity leap, Ethiopian Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mesfin Tasew said, "We feel proud for achieving full testing capability for the CFM Leap-1B engine at our modern MRO facility in Addis Ababa. The addition of this state-of-the-art facility will enable us to finalize the development of Performance Restoration Shop Visit (PRSV1) repair capability on the engine, which is expected to be ready very soon. We extend our appreciation to SAE, GE and the other partners who contributed to this success."

The newly launched Leap-1B testing facility positions Ethiopian Airlines as the 5th facility globally outside the Safran Aero Engines (SAE) and the General Electric (GE) network, and the first in the Middle East and Africa for possessing such advanced capability. Ethiopian Airlines has planned to complete Phase 2- Performance Restoration Shop Visit (PRSV1) project by the end of September 2024 which will also enable the airline to offer Leap-1B PRSV solutions for customers in the region and beyond.

Ethiopian owns the largest MRO Service facility in Africa. Established in 1957, Ethiopian MRO Services provides Line Maintenance services at stations where Ethiopian flies and extends the services to African and the Middle East operators. Ethiopian MRO facility is

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fully equipped with Hangars, Engine and Component Maintenance workshops with all equipment needed to repair/overhaul aircraft, engines and components.

Ethiopian MRO offers world-class services to its customers and helps make Ethiopian one of the most dependable and safest airlines in the world. The Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and others have certified Ethiopian MRO facility.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines Group (Ethiopian) is one of the fastest-growing airlines brand globally and the continent's largest airline brand. In its seventy-eight years of successful operations, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 150 domestic and international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and De Havilland Q400.

Ethiopian is also pursuing multi-hub strategy through hubs in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Having achieved its strategic plan (Vision 2025) ahead of time, Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation groups in the world. Ethiopian has been champion in various coveted awards including Skytrax's 'Best Airline in Africa Award' for seven consecutive years among others. The airline has been a Star Alliance member since 2011 and has been registering more than threefold growth in the past 10 years.

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