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Piaggio thumbs up to CTRM's aviation expertise

MALACCA (December 15,2011): The appointment of CTRM as a support and maintenance hub for the Piaggio turbo-prop aircraft comes as an international endorsement of the facility's expertise, experience, facilities and capabilities to work as a partner of Piaggio Aero in the region for the after-sales business.

The appointment will see Malacca-based CTRM Aviation Sdn Bhd support and maintain the Piaggio fleet of P180 currently used in Indonesia at its facility in Batu Berendam, Malacca. CTRM Aviation is a subsidiary of Composites Technology and Research Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

The appointment was inked by both parties in the recently concluded Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2011).

In a statement released today CTRM Aviation's chief executive officer Abdul Razak Mohamad Zin said the company possessed the required expertise, experience, facilities and capabilities to work as a partner of Piaggio Aero in the region for the after-sales business.

Abdul Razak said the appointment was a further enhancement of its business and operations here at the facility in Batu Berendam and it would contribute to an increase in the company's business turnover.

World renowned private turbo-prop aircraft builder Piaggio Aero has appointed CTRM Aviation to become the customer support and maintenance hub for South East Asia.

Piaggio's vice president for marketing, sales, business development and government sales, Paolo Brugotti. He said that the appointment was timely with their fleet expansion in the region which included The Philippines and Australia.

Piaggio Aero is the type certificate holder and manufacturer of the P180 Avanti II aircraft and is constantly expanding its market presence especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The facility at CTRM is impressive and we will be training their personnel in Italy before they are adequately certified to undertake repairs, maintenance and service support on our behalf," said Brugotti.

Currently, Brugotti said, four P180s were being used as private civilian aircraft by Indonesian-based Susi Airline in Jakarta and the same aircraft was also being used in Bangladesh and India. CTRM he said, was strategically positioned to serve all the fleets in the region.

"We want a base which can provide a consolidated base in this region and this after sales support by CTRM Aviation is a positive turn of events to further enhance and boost their business operations giving the company greater credibility in the aerospace, composites and engineering business.

"Since CTRM is ahead in the business of composites manufacturing, we are also looking towards CTRM to support the production and assembling of composites products for Piaggio in the long run."

The Asia-Pacific region, he said showed high potential and therefore has a strong strategic importance and Piaggio Aero's service centres network is constantly expanding its network. – *Ends/APRC*

Captions:



Piaggio1: The Piaggio Aero team with their new found partners CTRM after the signing ceremony in Langkawi yesterday. They are (from left): Encik Mohd Zamulud A. Kechik chief financial officer of CTRM Aviation, Adrian Randall Lopez – marketing manager of CTRM Aviation, Filippo Tritoni – manager of government sales, Brugotti, Marco Insogna – service centre and commercial manager, Datuk Rosdi Mahmud –

group chief executive officer of CTRM, Encik Abdul Razak Mohammad Zin and Nazrul Hisham Nawi – chief operating officer of CTRM Aviation.



Piaggio 2: Inside the Piaggio 180 Avanti II aircraft on display at LIMA 2011 is Brugioddi and Marco Insogna – service centre and commercial manager of Piaggio Aero

About CTRM: Composites Technology Research Malaysia Sdn Bhd specialises in the manufacturing of composites structured components for commercial and military aircraft. **CTRM** was incorporated on 20 November 1990 with Ministry of Finance Incorporated as its principle shareholder. **CTRM** is entrusted with a strategic role to develop high technology based industry, namely the aerospace and composites industries. The government identified these two industries as the most crucial constituents to the future industrial growth for Malaysia. CTRM started its business operations with the assemblies and manufacturing of a two-seater composites light aircraft, Eagle 150B. Today, **CTRM** is part of the global supply chain composites aero structures for major commercial and military aircraft manufacturers in the world. Apart from manufacturing of composites aero structures, **CTRM** is also providing engineering design services, composites assemblies, composites R&D, manufacturing of automotive composites structures and manufacturing of defence related equipments, including the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

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