Turbomeca and HAL forge support partnership for Indian customers

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Turbomeca (Safran), and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) have signed, at the Paris Air Show, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish in India a joint venture to support customers in India as well as some others of different countries.

This joint venture will provide maintenance, repair and overhaul for Turbomeca and HAL engines installed on HAL-produced helicopters. Therefore the engine fleet which will be addressed is the TM333 and Shakti engines. Together, Turbomeca and HAL intend to offer their Indian customers a first-class service, with the goal of optimizing engine availability.

With a fleet of over 1,000 engines, including 250 TM333 and 250 Shakti, India’s armed forces are the largest operator of Turbomeca-designed engines in the country. Shakti is the Indian designation of the Turbomeca Ardiden 1, co-developed with HAL, and produced under license.

This joint venture will boost the "Make-in-India" drive, considering the forecast that around 1,000 Shakti engines will be flying in India over the coming years.

Franck Saudo, Turbomeca Executive Vice President Support & Services, said, "this joint venture is a new step in a long-lasting and fruitful partnership between Turbomeca and HAL. We are extremely proud of the continued confidence placed in us by HAL. Together with HAL, we are committed to offer world-class support to customers in India as well as some others of different countries".

Shri T Suvarna Raju, HAL Chairman and Managing Director, said: "The partnership reflects the close relationship established over many years between HAL and Turbomeca. This MoU places HAL and Turbomeca on a path of ambitious future partnership towards customer support in the field of engine MRO".

Shakti is fitted to HAL’s ALH/Dhruv rotorcraft. Over the past years, the engine has been selected to power the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and the new, HAL-designed LUH (Light Utility Helicopter), a three-ton single-engine aircraft under development.

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Turbomeca (Safran) is the leading helicopter engine manufacturer, and has produced 70,000 turbines based on its own designs since the company was founded. Offering the widest range of engines in the world and dedicated to 2,500 customers in 155 countries, Turbomeca provides a proximity service thanks to its 15 sites, 30 proximity maintenance centers, 18 Repair & Overhaul Centers, and 90 Field representatives and Field technicians. Microturbo, the subsidiary of
Turbomeca, is the European leader in turbojet engines for missiles, drones and auxiliary power units.


Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) est l’un des principaux industriels aéronautiques du Sud-Est de l’Asie. L’expertise d’HAL recouvre la conception, la production, la maintenance, la réparation et la modernisation d’avions, d’hélicoptères, de moteurs aéronautiques, de systèmes avionique et de systèmes embarqués. HAL fournit des solutions innovantes pour les besoins de conception dans le domaine des avions, des hélicoptères, de l’avionique, des systèmes de mission et de combat, grâce à des outils de conception performants. HAL se diversifie également dans la fabrication, la maintenance et la réparation de turbines pour la marine et l’industrie, ainsi que dans les aérostructures pour l’aéronautique.


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