Snecma Morocco Engine Services expands MRO capabilities to include CFM56-5B

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Snecma Morocco Engine Services (SMES) has been certified by the European and American aviation authorities, EASA and FAA, respectively, to carry out MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) services on the CFM56-5B engine. SMES, a jointly-owned subsidiary of Snecma, a Safran group company (51%) and Royal Air Maroc (49%), recently completed the overhaul of its first CFM56-5B for a major Indian airline.

The first service provider in Africa to provide MRO services for the CFM56 engines powering Boeing 737 twinjets, Snecma Morocco Engine Services has expanded its capabilities to provide these same services for the CFM56-5B engines powering the Airbus A320 family of jetliners.

SMES's addition of CFM56-5B capabilities addresses growing demand from operators for engine support, and also reflects Snecma's development strategy for its international MRO network.

SMES is offering a complete range of maintenance services, to the same demanding quality standards as Snecma’s entire MRO network, including on-wing servicing, LRU (line replaceable unit) support and technical assistance. Its capability list now covers the CFM56-3, CFM56-7B and the CFM56-5B. Since being founded, SMES has serviced more than 300 engines for 40 airlines.

By continuing to expand its maintenance capabilities for the CFM56 engine family, SMES confirms its leadership in Africa and also contributes to the development of the Moroccan aviation industry.

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* CFM56 and LEAP engines are produced and marketed by CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between GE and Snecma.

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