

Press release

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Volga-Dnepr Technics signs maintenance services agreement for Sukhoi Superjet-100

SuperJet International (SJI) - a joint venture between Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica Company, and Sukhoi Holding - and Volga-Dnepr Technics, part of Russia's Volga-Dnepr Group, have signed a Letter of Intent for the provision of maintenance services for the Sukhoi Superjet100 (SSJ100) aircraft.

The agreement was signed during the International Aviation and Space Salon MAKS 2011 in Zhukovsky, Moscow Region. This LoI confirms the partnership established between SJI and Volga-Dnepr Technics that with its certified aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility at Ulyanovsk Vostochny airport has joined the SJI's MRO network of Authorized Service Centers to provide maintenance services to SSJ100 Operators.

In Ulyanovsk, Volga-Dnepr Technics is establishing a state-of-the-art multi-functional MRO facility to meet current international operating standards also benefiting from its location within a Special Economic Port Zone.

The Sukhoi Superjet 100

Designed, developed and built by Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company (SCAC), in partnership with Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica Company, the Sukhoi Superjet 100 is a 100 seat regional jet. A further 115-120 seat variant is under study. The SSJ100 is the most advanced and environmentally friendly new generation regional jet.

The first SSJ100 was rolled out from SCAC's final assembly shop at Komsomolsk-on-Amur on September 26th 2007. First flight was successfully accomplished on May 19th 2008.

The Sukhoi Superjet 100 cruises at a Maximum Operating Speed of Mach 0.81 and 40,000 feet. It takes off from a 1,731 meters runway in the basic range and 2,052 meters in the long range. The operating range for the basic version is 3,048 km and 4,578 km for the long range version.

The certification campaign was accomplished with four prototypes for flight testing and two prototypes for static and fatigue trials. The tests show that the aircraft meets all certification requirements.

In February 2011, the SSJ100 obtained the Type Certificate by the Russian Certification Authority IAC AR. The aircraft entered into revenue services with Armavia on April 21, 2011. The EASA Certification is expected to follow in 2011.

About SuperJet International

SuperJet International, a joint venture between Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica Company (51%) and Sukhoi Holding (49%), is in charge of the marketing, sales, customization and delivery of the Sukhoi Superjet 100 regional jet in Europe, the Americas, Oceania , Africa and Japan. The Company is also responsible for worldwide after-sales support, as well as for the design and development of VIP and cargo variants. A SuperJet International branch is active in Moscow, together with a sales office in Washington, DC, U.S.A.

About Volga-Dnepr Technics

Volga-Dnepr Technics (VDT) provides maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for both Russian-manufactured and Western-produced aircraft. VDT is a part of Volga-Dnepr Group, which is the global leader in the segment of air transportation of outsize and heavy cargoes and the largest Russian air cargo carrier.

Volga-Dnepr Technics has established line maintenance stations in Moscow at Sheremetyevo and Domodedovo airports, in Ulyanovsk, Krasnoyarsk, and also in Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) and

Leipzig (Germany). Sharjah is one of the company's major sites where it is currently constructing a new 20,000 square metre hangar to extend its MRO services.

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