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## **MTU Maintenance signs contract with Norwegian Air Shuttle**

- **MTU Maintenance Zhuhai to provide service support for CFM56-3 engines**

Zhuhai, China, October 1, 2007 – MTU Maintenance Zhuhai has won its first major European customer: The company has signed a contract with Norwegian Air Shuttle for the maintenance of CFM56-3 engines. The five years contract includes 44 engines powering Boeing 737-300 aircraft operated by the airline and is worth in excess of €90m euros.

“We are proud to welcome Norwegian Air Shuttle as a new customer”, MTU Aero Engines President and CEO Commercial Maintenance Bernd Kessler noted. He continued: “MTU is pleased to be in a position to partner the airline with our world class facility in Zhuhai and the local support of our Hannover facility. Norwegian Air Shuttle continue to demonstrate significant expansion in the European market and we are confident that both partners will grow together and develop a successful long term relationship.”

Norwegian Air Shuttle Technical Director, Bjorn Ivar Aarseth commented: “We know MTU as a very professional and customer focused organization and are confident that we have reached a very cost effective solution together with them. We are looking forward to a friendly and professional relationship in the years to come.”

Norwegian Air Shuttle is a Low Cost Carrier based in Oslo, Norway, and was founded in 1993. The airline operates within Norway, Europe, Russia and CIS serving 82 routes carrying over five million passengers in 2006.

MTU Maintenance Zhuhai, a joint venture of MTU Aero Engines and China Southern Airlines, is China's largest maintenance shop. It focuses on the repair of V2500 and CFM56 engines. In addition to the CFM56-3, also the CFM56-5B and CFM56-7 have been included in the portfolio. MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading engine manufacturer and ranks among the global players in the industry. In the commercial domain, it is the world's largest independent provider of engine maintenance services. Having established a leading position in engine technology, MTU excels in low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, engine control units, and in manufacturing and repair techniques.



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