MTU Maintenance celebrates 1,500th CF6-80 engine overhaul

* 20-year business partnership with US Airways
* **New CF34-10 maintenance contract**

Hannover/Berlin (Germany), 08th August 2013 – MTU Maintenance, the world’s largest independent maintenance provider for commercial aircraft engines, has completed the 1,500th overhaul of a General Electric CF6-80 engine. The engine was delivered to U.S. based operator US Airways with whom MTU is celebrating a 20-year business partnership this year.

“We are very happy to be sharing this special moment with one of our longest and closest customers,” said Dr. Stefan Weingartner, President Commercial Maintenance at MTU Aero Engines. “The maintenance of the CF6-80 is one of our key services. The engine has been overhauled in Hannover, MTU’s first maintenance location and centre of competence for medium to large aircraft engines, for almost 25 years. We are very confident that we will continue our success with this engine over the next years.”

MTU Maintenance’s parent company, Germany’s leading engine manufacturer MTU Aero Engines, has been partnering with General Electric since 1972 when MTU produced the first parts for the CF6-50. The CF6-80 was included into the maintenance portfolio in 1989. Due to its long experience with the CF6-80, MTU Maintenance has developed a number of innovative high-tech repair techniques which allow the engine to stay on-wing longer and help customers reduce their maintenance costs.

The business partnership between MTU Maintenance and US Airways started in 1993 with a maintenance contract for the V2500. Since then, the airline has continued to be a customer with over 300 engines overhauled at the MTU Maintenance facilities.

As a sign of their strong relationship, the two companies have recently signed a five-year contract for the maintenance of US Airways’ CF34-10E6 engines. Under the contract, MTU Maintenance will maintain up to 44 engines for the airline’s Embraer E190 aircraft fleet. The engines will be serviced at MTU Maintenance Berlin Brandenburg, the group’s second largest location and specialist on the CF34. A GE-branded CF34TM Service Provider, the Ludwigsfelde facility was the first maintenance organization worldwide within the network to handle and provide all three versions of the engine (CF34-3, CF34-8 and CF34-10). It offers customers the full range of MRO support including on-wing services for all CF34 aircraft applications.

**About MTU Aero Engines**

MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading and the country's only independent engine manufacturer and is an established global player in the industry. It engages in the development, manufacture, marketing and support of commercial and military aircraft engines and industrial gas turbines. The company is a technological leader in low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, manufacturing processes and repair techniques. In the commercial maintenance area, MTU Maintenance is the world's largest independent provider of engine maintenance services. In the military arena, MTU Aero Engines is Germany's industrial lead company for practically all engines flown by the country's military. MTU operates affiliates around the globe; Munich is home to its corporate headquarters. In fiscal 2012, the company had a workforce of some 8,500 employees and posted consolidated sales of some 3.4 billion euros. In early March of this year, the company won the German Industry’s 32nd Innovation Award, and in April, it was honored with the German Innovation Award. In both instances, MTU received the recognition for the geared turbofan™ engine’s high-speed low-pressure turbine.

**About US Airways**

US Airways, along with US Airways Shuttle and US Airways Express, operates more than 3,100 flights per day and serves 198 communities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central and South America. The airline employs more than 32,000 aviation professionals worldwide, operates the world’s largest fleet of Airbus aircraft and is a member of the Star Alliance network, which offers its customers more than 21,900 daily flights to 1,328 airports in 195 countries. Together with its US Airways Express partners, the airline serves approximately 80 million passengers each year and operates hubs in Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. Aviation Week and Overhaul & Maintenance magazine presented US Airways with the 2012 Aviation Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) of the Year Award for demonstrating outstanding achievement and innovation in the area of technical operations.

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