Serbian government and MTU Aero Engines to cooperate in the training of skilled labor

* Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signing ceremony was witnessed by Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić and German Minister for Economic Affairs Peter Altmaier
* MTU plans to grow its Serbian facility’s headcount to around 440 employees by 2027

Munich / Belgrade, October 23, 2019 - MTU Aero Engines AG and the government of the Republic of Serbia inked a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) establishing their close cooperation in the field of training of skilled labor. The aim is to effectively address the specific needs of the aviation industry in the curricula of vocational and trade schools. The move clears the way for an adoption of a training scheme based on the proven dual system of classroom and work-place learning for teaching people the ropes of the aviation industry.

The decision to step up cooperation comes against the backdrop of MTU’s plan to open a dedicated engine parts repair facility in Serbia. MTU’s new shop will be located in Nova Pazova near Belgrade and is scheduled to be up and running in the course of 2022. In support of the project, a Serbian subsidiary, dubbed MTU Maintenance Serbia d.o.o., has been set up, and first employees have already been hired. Their focus over the next few months will be on developing a workforce to meet the company’s needs. While the construction of the new facility is under way, MTU will be training people for the skilled positions to be filled. This training will take place at local vocational and trade schools in Serbia and on site at MTU’s facilities in Germany along the lines of the MoC now signed.

“Plans are to grow the workforce of our facility in Serbia to around 440 employees by the year 2027, with the clear goal in mind to accomplish this increase from within Serbia,” says Michael Schreyögg, MTU Aero Engines Chief Program Officer. “We are convinced that we will find motivated skilled people in Serbia wishing to work in the aviation industry. What is essential is to have a firmly established dual system of vocational training in place to ensure the training imparts the relevant knowledge and skills needed in a high-tech industry like aviation.”

Maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) for commercial aircraft engines is growing continuously, this market being a major driver behind MTU’s business success. The additional facility in Serbia will provide flexibility and strengthen the company’s global competitiveness in this promising market segment. MTU clocks up around 1.9 million repair hours per year at its existing facilities. The additional facility is expected to add approximately 400,000 annual repair hours.

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MTU Aero Engines AG is Germany's leading engine manufacturer. The company is a technological leader in low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, turbine center frames as well as manufacturing processes and repair techniques. In the commercial OEM business, the company plays a key role in the development, manufacturing and marketing of high-tech components together with international partners. Some 30 percent of today’s active aircraft in service worldwide have MTU components on board. In the commercial maintenance sector the company ranks among the top 5 service providers for commercial aircraft engines and industrial gas turbines. The activities are combined under the roof of MTU Maintenance. In the military arena, MTU Aero Engines is Germany's industrial lead company for practically all engines operated by the country's military. MTU operates a network of locations around the globe; Munich is home to its corporate headquarters. In fiscal 2018, the company had a workforce of some 10,000 employees and posted consolidated sales of approximately 4.6 billion euros.

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