MTU Aero Engines establishes new repair facility

Munich, Nova Pazova July 5th ,2021 - MTU Aero Engines is Germany’s leading engine manufacturer. The company is a technological leader in low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, and turbine centre frames as well as manufacturing and processes and repair techniques. In the commercial MRO business, the company, which bundles its competencies under the roof of MTU Maintenance, ranks among the top three global service providers for aircraft engines and industrial gas turbines.

MTU is now expanding its worldwide network of locations with a new engine parts repair shop in Nova Pazova, Serbia: MTU Maintenance Serbia. Serbia’s President Aleksandar Vučić acknowledged this commitment as an essential and decisive step in the development of the aviation industry in Serbia.

The construction work for the new repair site in Nova Pazova will be underway from July 2021. The newly designated industrial area is located only 25 kilometres from the “Nikola Tesla” international airport of Belgrade and thus has excellent transport connections. “The industrial park has growth potential – for example, for attracting our suppliers and partners”, says Rainer Becker, project manager and managing director of MTU Maintenance Serbia.

A team of some 30 MTU specialists from construction, repair technologies, quality, logistics, customs, facility management, purchasing, finance, IT and human resources management and qualification is now active in setting up the site. The project team has already defined the plant and process technologies. Complex machines with long delivery times can thus be procured early on. “All planning is done in close cooperation with the relevant authorities in Serbia in order to ensure that the new building complies with all regulations and specifications”, explains the project manager.

With the construction of the new repair facility, MTU is also starting to recruit qualified employees and train future skilled workers. The cooperation with the Ministry of Education in Serbia as well as with universities, schools, and the Aviation School in Belgrade had shown that the level of qualification is high. “We started an advertising campaign early on, made contacts, and introduced ourselves. We are delighted with the open-mindedness, the great interest, and the constructive cooperation”, says Johann Triebenbacher, who heads the subprojects "Training Center Serbia" and "On-the-Job Training in Serbia.

In order to support the existing qualification, training will be established in the companies in Serbia. In 2019, MTU and the government of the Republic of Serbia signed a declaration on a close collaboration in the dual training of skilled workers – as practised in Germany. This will ensure the technical foundations required for a high-tech industry such as aviation. The “on-the-job training” will initially take place at existing MTU locations– with the aim of conducting this training exclusively in Serbia, starting in 2024.

Project manager Rainer Becker: “We want to attract the most talented employees to MTU and create a working environment in which they can perform at their best. We are making targeted investments in the training and development of our talents and supporting them in expanding their expertise and developing their potential. MTU Maintenance Serbia will provide many people in the Nova Pazova region with a professional future”.

**About MTU Aero Engines**

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 3 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 2020, the company had a workforce of around 10,000 employees and posted consolidated sales of almost 4 billion euros.

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