

Growing Business for MAS MRO Venture in India

Malaysia Airlines' venture into airframe maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business in Hyderabad, India, is set for greater business opportunities due to its strategic location and the growing aviation sector there. Located at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, MAS GMR Aero Technic Ltd (MGAT) has the capacity to service 60 to 80 aircraft a year and is the first third-party aircraft MRO facility of this scale in India.

The facility is just two hours away from all the major Indian cities and four hours away from any point within the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, an economic and political organisation of eight countries in southern Asia. MAS Aerospace Engineering (MAE)'s Chief Executive Officer, En. Azhari bin Mohd. Dahlan stated that the current India-wide fleet is estimated at 410 aircraft and the number is expected to triple in the next 10 years.

It is understood that the Asia-Pacific region, China and India collectively account for 23% of total MRO expenditure, which is equivalent to RM29.6 billion.

MAE has expanded its MRO activities internationally via a joint venture with GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd in India to form MAS GMR Aerospace Engineering Co Ltd.

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