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TAP Portugal signs GSLA for CFM LEAP-1A engines

- TAP began commercial operations with LEAP-1A-powered A320neo earlier this year

WEST CHESTER, Ohio – 12 December 2018 – Portugal’s national carrier TAP and CFM have signed a General Support License Agreement (GSLA) for maintenance activities of LEAP-1A engines.

Under the terms of this agreement, TAP Portugal becomes part of the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) network for LEAP-1A engines and will also benefit from CFM’s expertise in training. This GSLA will allow TAP to initiate the process for LEAP-1A maintenance activities.

TAP has been a CFM customer since 1990, operating a large fleet of A320 aircraft family. In 2016, the airline ordered 79 LEAP-1A engines to power its new fleet of 37 Airbus A320neo/A321neo aircraft and took delivery of the first three aircraft earlier in 2018.

"This agreement is of great importance for TAP, as it will allow us to maintain the flexibility and high operational levels of the TAP fleet, as well as providing us with an equally relevant service offer for third parties in the market," says Mario Lobato Faria, TAP’s Chief Technical Officer.

"We are pleased to take our long-term relationship with TAP to another level", said Gaël Méheust, president and CEO of CFM International. "As part of CFM’s ongoing commitment, we will support TAP in its strategy to provide world-class support services, helping LEAP operators maintain a level of utilization which sets a benchmark in our industry."

About TAP Portugal

TAP is Portugal’s leading airline, and member of Star Alliance, the global airline alliance to

offer customers worldwide reach, since 2005. In operation since 1945, TAP celebrated 70 years on March 14, 2015. That same year, the airline completed its privatization process with the Atlantic Gateway Group now as new private shareholder. The TAP hub in Lisbon is a key European gateway at the crossroads of Africa, North, Central and South America, where TAP stands out as the international leading carrier in operation to Brazil. The company's network currently comprises 84 destinations in 35 countries worldwide. TAP currently operates about 2,500 weekly flights on average with a total fleet of 90 aircraft, including 70 Airbus aircraft, along with 21 aircraft in TAP Express livery.

About CFM International

The LEAP-1A engine is a product of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines. The LEAP engine family is the fastest-selling in aviation history with more than 16,500 orders and commitments booked to date. For more information concerning CFM, visit us on the Web at www.cfmaeroengines.com or follow us on Twitter @CFM_engines.

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