



HK EXPRESS PARTNERS WITH IBERIA MAINTENANCE FOR V2500 ENGINES

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Iberia Maintenance and HK Express, a fully-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong home carrier Cathay Pacific, have signed a long-term contract to maintain 32 V2500 engines powering the low-cost carrier's Airbus A320ceo and A321ceo fleet. Efficiency improvements, such as the extension of Engine Repair in-house capability, workscope adjustments to ensure shop visit optimisation and Used Serviceable Material sourcing from the market, were the key differentiators in the offer.

At the end of 2012, Iberia Maintenance, with the support of International Airlines Group, started

working on the International Aero Engines (IAE) capability to service the V2500 engine. In 2015, it obtained Pratt & Whitney's licence for V2500 engine MRO and joined the network of IAE, which distributes its customers' engines for repair and overhaul to network partners. At that time, Iberia Maintenance became the first non-IAE member workshop to overhaul V2500's.

Iberia Maintenance Engine Shop specialises in CFM56, V2500 and RB211 engines and provides services to a worldwide customer base of airlines, OEMs and the wider Industry, being V2500 more than half of the current workload. In October, the company obtained the license to service Pratt & Whitney GTF™ engines. The first engine will be inducted in 2023.

Andy Best, Chief Technical Officer at Iberia Maintenance, commented: "We are so very honoured that HK Express has chosen to award Iberia MRO with the maintenance of its V2500 engines. This award is a testament to the Iberia maintenance teams striving for improvement as we continue to develop our service offering on the V2500, working closely with industry partners to bring real value to the customer."

Alan Tang, General Manager, Maintenance and Engineering at HK Express, said: "Our vision is to be the leading best practice low-cost carrier in Asia. The HK Express team always looks for the most optimal maintenance solution based on the key guiding principles of agility, efficiency and simplicity. We hope this partnership with Iberia Maintenance will be part of the enabler to our vision."

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