



S7 TECHNICS TO BUILD AN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CENTER IN ST. PETERSBURG

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S7 Technics has signed an investment agreement with the Government of St. Petersburg and Pulkovo Airport on the construction of a new aircraft maintenance center at the airport. The agreement was signed on June 3rd within the framework of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

“In Russia, there are not enough aircraft MRO centers, even in the pandemic period, we see a high demand for base maintenance from Russian airlines. After the restoration of air traffic, we expect a steady growth of Russian and global market customers. Of course, European low-cost airlines that plan flights to St. Petersburg are our potential customers, since they do not have their own MRO centers for base maintenance. The advantage here will also be the current “open sky” mode in Pulkovo. For us, the new MRO center is a comprehensive project that will help develop the airport’s infrastructure and whole aviation industry. We plan to invest more than 3 billion rubles from the S7 Technics’ funds, without attracting external investments, ” said Vladimir Perekrestov, CEO of S7 Technics.

The new MRO center will perform a wide scope of work, including base maintenance (D-check inclusive), line maintenance, structural repairs, engineering support, EASA Part-21 J modifications and production of aircraft interior elements in accordance with the requirements of EASA Part-21 G. Among the directions will be the repair of components and personnel training (in accordance with EASA Part 147 and FAR-289). S7 Technics is also an approved MRO provider for MC-21 aircraft.

“The new aircraft maintenance center will be the fourth for S7 Technics, which will allow us to strengthen our position as a leader in the maintenance services of different types of aircraft in Russia and the CIS. The new center will be able to serve Airbus A320 Family and Boeing B737 of all generations, as well as Sukhoi Superjet 100 and MC-21. We plan to carry out 35-40 heavy maintenance checks (C-and D-Check) and about 200 line maintenance checks (A-Check) per year,” says **Vladimir Perekrestov**, CEO of S7 Technics.

According to preliminary estimates, the new center will create workplaces for about 400 specialists. The area of the MRO center will be approximately 12,000 sq. m.

According to the roadmap of the project, the coordination of documentation and architectural development of the project will be carried out in 2021-2022.

The active construction stage will begin in 2023. The new MRO center is planned to be fully completed by 2025.

As part of the project, S7 Technics signed a contract with the State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI). SUAI students studying in the specialty “Technical operation of aircraft and engines” will be able to practice in the new MRO center with the possibility of further employment.

Other S7 Technics bases are located in Moscow, Mineralnye Vody and Novosibirsk, and line maintenance stations are located in Irkutsk and Vladivostok.

S7 Technics bases are certified according to the requirements of EASA, the aviation authorities of Bermuda, Russia and a number of other countries for performing maintenance of Boeing, Airbus, Embraer and Sukhoi Superjet 100 aircraft.

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