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Dassault To Build Major Maintenance Facility in Melbourne, Florida

ORLANDO, Florida, Oct. 17, 2022 — Dassault Falcon Jet, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dassault Aviation, announced it will build a new maintenance facility at Melbourne Orlando International Airport (KMLB) as part of the company's worldwide expansion of its maintenance, repair and overhaul network.

"This new factory service center will considerably grow our presence in the U.S., positioning us to keep up with demand for state-of-the-art maintenance services as the Falcon fleet grows and as new models such as the Falcon 10X and the extra widebody Falcon 6X enter service," said Dassault Aviation Chairman and CEO Eric Trappier.

Intended to serve customers across North and South America and beyond, the 175,000 square-foot complex will accommodate all current Falcon models, (including the new, ultra-long range Falcon 10X, the largest purpose-built business jet), and will be capable of performing major maintenance and modifications on up to 18 Falcon models simultaneously.

"We extensively evaluated several areas before we found that the business environment in Florida, along with its highly skilled workforce on the Space Coast, to be the perfect combination for this project," continued Trappier. "We appreciate the cooperative support received from the Governor's office and the State of Florida. Their support and leadership made this possible."

Governor Ron DeSantis stated, "We have made it our priority to invest in our workforce to attract the world's top companies to Florida. Today's announcement from Dassault Falcon Jet shows how these investments are paying dividend. This new facility will bring high-paying jobs to Melbourne and lead to strong economic growth throughout Central Florida."

The Melbourne facility will be a heavy maintenance platform capable of handling a full range of inspection, repair and overhaul activities, from line maintenance through C checks, as well as engineering and modification services. It will be equipped with workshops, customer offices and lounges, along with a large warehouse to support shop activity and serve as a regional distribution hub. Additionally, the site will be home to a 54,000 square-foot paint shop.

Melbourne is located on Florida's famed Space Coast that regionally employs about 35,000 people in aviation and aerospace and benefits from excellent technical training dispensed by nearby educational institutions such as Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and the Florida Institute of Technology.

Melbourne is just the latest in a series of moves planned to extend and reinforce Dassault Aviation's global MRO footprint. Next year, the company's ExecuJet MRO Services unit will open a new heavy maintenance facility in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and start building a new heavy maintenance facility in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to enhance maintenance offerings in the Eastern Hemisphere. The company now has 40 factory service locations and 20 authorized service centers around the world.

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Construction in Melbourne is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2023 and opening is set for late 2024.

ABOUT DASSAULT AVIATION

Dassault Aviation is a leading aerospace company with a presence in over 90 countries across six continents. Dassault designs and builds the family of Falcon business jets as well as the Rafale fighter jet. The company employs a workforce of over 12,000 and has production facilities in both France and the United States, and a worldwide service network. Since the rollout of the first Falcon 20 in 1963, over 2,650 Falcons have been delivered. The tri-jet and twin-engine lines offer outstanding efficiency and comfort, with ranges from 4,000 nm to 7,500nm. They include the new flagship Falcon 10X, the pioneering Falcon 7X and 8X, the extra widebody Falcon 6X, and the versatile Falcon 900LX and 2000LXS.

For more information about Dassault Falcon business jets, visit: www.dassaultfalcon.com

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