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## **Oman Air Engineering provides Maintenance services to KLM at Muscat International Airport**

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The Engineering Division of the Sultanate's flag carrier added another achievement to their long list of accomplishments. Recently, the Division was certified to provide engineering and maintenance services to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines at Muscat International Airport, as a result of the successful completion of Audits associated with Safety and Quality Standards.

Speaking on this achievement, Eng. Ali Redha Mohammed Al Lawatiya , Senior Manager Third Party & Technical Support at



Oman Air's Engineering & Maintenance division stated, that the whole team felt proud about the results of the Audit report which was a crucial step towards achieving another milestone - that of providing technical services to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines in line with international standards. The Audit was done by a team of professionals from KLM after taking into account all the technical and administrative norms practiced within the Engineering and Maintenance division

Al Lawatiya added that at Oman Air, "quality and safety" have always assumed paramount importance. Moreover, "safety" has always been the top priority without any compromise. To achieve that, the company invested a lot to maintain high standards of safety through the introduction of the latest technologies and the development of the human resources especially in view of the fact that Muscat International Airport is undergoing a major phased expansion. Oman Air is working closely with the authorities to ensure that the company is well equipped to handle the new challenges.

Our high standard and competent services have increased our third party handling business Customers. We currently provide Technical Ground Handling to 30 Airline customers and other ad-hoc operators transiting via Muscat International Airport, and Aircraft certification services to 13 customer

airlines. In addition, the company is in the process of entering into agreements with other airlines to provide them with maintenance support". He concluded.

Corporate Communications and Media Department in Oman Air noted that since its establishment in 1977, the Engineering and Maintenance Division has witnessed steady progress in all spheres making it eligible to obtain the attestation of civil aviation authorities in many countries such as Egypt, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, Qatar, UAE, India and Turkey in addition to the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA.145.0108).

The department highlighted that: "The Third Party and Technical Support Department is a dynamic unit within Oman Air's Engineering and Maintenance Division, and its responsibilities consist of providing technical support for more than 30 airlines and Certification Support to Kuwait Airways, Sri Lankan Airlines, Egypt Air, Qatar Airways, Indian Express, Etihad, Turkish Airways, Emirates, Swiss International and Air Arabia & Martain Air Cargo in addition to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. This includes services provided to various types of aircraft such as A319, A320, A321, A310, A330, A340, B737 B777 and B747.

It is worth noting that Oman Air achieved the distinction of being the 24th airline worldwide, and the 3rd in the Arab world to be registered with IOSA. This introduces the standard of high Operational Safety Level among the IATA member airlines, and has successfully passed from the audits applied by the independent audit organization.

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