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AVISA and AVISA Gulf strengthen Gulf Air links with new air safety contract

AVISA, the global aviation and airworthiness specialist, is expanding its services in the Middle East after securing a further major new contract with Gulf Air.

AVISA UK and AVISA Gulf have combined to provide the Bahrain-based airline with Continuing Airworthiness Management (CAMO) services for the next 12 months.

The contract further strengthens the relationship between AVISA's UK and Gulf operations and Gulf Air.

As one of only three companies in the world to boast Bahrain Civil Aviation Authority approval, AVISA's expertise in providing support and services to the airline industry has been recognised by Gulf Air. This latest deal is the third contract in the past three years between the businesses.

AVISA Gulf works closely with many key airline operators in the Gulf and continues to build on its excellent relationship with Gulf Air.

Justin Goatcher, Group Managing Director said: "Using our combined efforts and strategic MENA based location we were able to provide Gulf Air with the service they wanted. This new contract reinforces the strong and long term relationship we have with Gulf Air and we are extremely pleased to be working again with them.

"The contract further demonstrates AVISA's ability to tailor its CAMO services to meet the individual needs of its clients and their fleets depending on local regulatory requirements, operational environment and business expectations."

AVISA Gulf brings approved aviation safety services to the heart of the Middle East region. From its Abu Dhabi base, it routinely provides expert services and training to airlines, fleet and individual operators and maintenance repair organisations (MRO) in the MENA region.

AVISA endeavours to ensure operators and owners remain compliant with all safety and airworthiness regulations. The company's aviation experts provide innovative, safety enhancing, cost effective and more visible systems for managing aircraft and their required maintenance.

Such diligence has always been recognised by Gulf Air and it is what makes AVISA stand out within the aviation industry.

One of the longest-established operators in the Middle East, Gulf Air, the national carrier of Bahrain for more than 60 years, operates a fleet of 39 aircraft. In 2009, despite the global economic downturn and its affect on air travel, Gulf Air carried more than five million passengers, achieving excellent results in flight punctuality.

Notes to editors

AVISA Gulf

Committed to providing the highest level of aviation services to this rapidly growing marketplace, AVISA Gulf delivers total technical support through:

- Continued Airworthiness and Maintenance Management (CAMO)
- AVISA Gulf's CAMO services enable commercial and corporate clients to achieve better despatch reliability, increased cost savings and improved safety levels.
- Continued Airworthiness and Quality Safety Consultancy
- EASA approved, with good local knowledge, AVISA Gulf is able to provide businesses in the region with support and advice across a global range of regulatory issues and requirements.
- Aviation Safety Training: Tailored to the needs of each individual business, AVISA Gulf's courses aim to bring all staff to a common level of understanding for a positive impact on the whole business. AVISA's training delivers reduced costs, increased profitability and competitive edge.

Gulf Air

- Gulf Air has come a long way since it launched services in 1950 as Gulf Aviation Company. Now fully owned by the Kingdom of Bahrain through Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, the airline started as a small scale commuter service, serving the oil fields of the Gulf and some regional customers.
- Today, Gulf Air is a major international airline serving more than 40 destinations worldwide.
- Whether it is 10 or 100 destinations, seven seater planes or the latest state of the art jets, Gulf Air's goal has remained constant - a commitment to the latest aviation technology and an adherence to traditional Arabian hospitality.