

## **Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance selects Exail to supply a flight simulator for the E-3F AWACS aircraft operated by the French Air Force.**

**Paris, Amstelveen, Lannion – 14 March 2023** - Exail, formerly ECA Group, and Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) have signed a major new contract for the supply of a Full Flight Simulator (FFS), designed to train crews on the E-3F AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft used in airspace defense by the French Air Force.

This Full Flight Simulator (FFS) will provide an identical replica of the forthcoming redesign of the E-3F AWACS cockpit, providing the crews from the French Air Force with access to a modern flight simulator that's perfectly adapted to their training needs and challenges, and is available on home soil.

The sourcing of this Full Flight Simulator (FFS) on behalf of the French Air Force falls within the contract awarded to Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) by the French *Direction générale de l'armement* (DGA) for the renovation of the cockpit on the E-3F AWACS strategic aircraft. The DGA is set to certify the simulator in late 2025, in conjunction with the cockpit renovation project.

This agreement is testament to the confidence the DGA holds in both AFI KLM E&M and Exail, and highlights the leading expertise demonstrated by both groups in their respective fields.

**Anne Brachet, EVP Air France-KLM Engineering & Maintenance:** *“The AFI KLM E&M teams have been looking after AWACS for over 30 years and have developed a passion for this work, without ever losing sight of the operational challenges faced by an aircraft of this type. The cockpit renovation is a strategic goal for our customer, and along with Exail we’re putting our expertise to work for the pilots of the French Air and Space Force, from training through to operations.”*

**Dominique Giannoni, CEO of Exail:** *“We’d like to thank the DGA and AFI KLM E&M for choosing our unique expertise and experience, developed over more than twenty-five years in the field of flight simulation. Landing this contract guarantees sustained activity for the Exail teams in Lannion over the coming three years, and we’re proud to be supporting the French Air and Space Force with this new, cutting-edge simulator.”*

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### About Exail

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Exail was formed by ECA Group and iXblue joining forces in 2022. It is a subsidiary of Exail Technologies, a family-owned company specialized in high-technology. [www.exail.com](http://www.exail.com)

### About AFI KLM E&M

Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance is a major multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) provider. With a workforce of over 12,800, AFI KLM E&M offers comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to engine overhaul, aero structure and fan thrust reverser support, as well as the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. AFI KLM E&M supports almost 3,000 aircraft operated by 200 major international and domestic airlines.

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