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VLM Airlines Signs Engine Support Agreement With PowerJet

Antwerp, December 18 2014 – VLM Airlines has today signed a long-term support agreement with PowerJet, manufacturer of the SaM146 engine that powers the Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100).

In October 2014, VLM Airlines announced the airline would become the first European operator of the long-range SSJ100 LR regional aircraft.

Arthur White, CEO of VLM Airlines, says: “This agreement is a major milestone we are proud to have reached with PowerJet. This cooperation is another step for VLM Airlines in completing the journey to deliver new scheduled services with the SSJ100LR by summer 2015.”

Claude Poulain, chairman and CEO of PowerJet, adds: “We are extremely pleased to sign this SaM146 engine support agreement with VLM Airlines, confirming PowerJet’s commitment to offering a complete support package. We are also very proud of being able to provide VLM Airlines with a state-of-the-art engine that combines high performance and high reliability, and is very well-suited to the specific needs of both charter and scheduled services.”

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VLM Airlines (www.vlmairlines.com) is a Belgian operator headquartered at Antwerp International Airport. Founded in 1993, the company is a successful operator of ACMI ('wet lease') and charter airline services, serving customers including airlines, tour operators, corporates, government and military organisations. The airline will expand its activities in 2015 with the launch of regional scheduled services. In October 2014, VLM Airlines was acquired by its management from investment company INTRO Aviation GmbH, having operated from 2008 to 2014 as a unit of Air France-KLM subsidiary CityJet.

PowerJet (www.powerjet.aero), founded in July 2004, is a joint venture of Snecma (Safran) of France and NPO Saturn of Russia. The company manages the SaM146 engine program, including development, production, marketing and sales, as well as customer support and MRO services. With an optimized architecture for the 100-seat Sukhoi Superjet 100, the SaM146 engine gives to the SSJ100 an extended operating range, with two versions: 1S17 and 1S18.

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